

STATE BOARD OF LAND COMMISSIONERS

April 11, 2006  
Regular Agenda

SUBJECT

Fiscal Year 2007 Timber Sales Plan

DISCUSSION

The proposed FY-2007 Timber Sales Plan, Road Development Plan, and letters of transmittal are attached (Attachments 1, 2, and 3). Each sale listed in this plan will be presented to the Board for approval prior to advertisement and sale. The road construction and reconstruction outlined on the road development plan are necessary to develop or improve access for timber harvest and other management activities.

In 2004, after an extensive analysis by both Idaho Department of Lands' staff and independent experts, the State Board of Land Commissioners approved increasing the annual harvest level 30 million board feet for a period of ten years. That increase was to be implemented in two steps. The first step increased the annual harvest level from 182 million board feet to 202 million board feet, an increase of 20 million board feet. The second step increased the annual harvest level from 202 million board feet to 212 million board feet, an increase of 10 million board feet. The first step was implemented in the FY-2006 Timber Sales Plan. This proposal implements the second and final step.

The FY-2007 proposal incorporates the most recent measurements from continuous forest inventory plots, and reflects current stand conditions, anticipated growth, timber harvest constraints, and analyses using the Department's Integrated Management System.

Based on these analyses, we recommend that the annual harvest level for FY-2007 be established as illustrated in the following table:

<u>Supervisory Area</u>	<u>Annual Harvest Level</u>	
	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>FY-2007 Recommended</u>
Priest Lake	17 MMBF	17 MMBF
Kootenai Valley	7 MMBF	7 MMBF
Pend Oreille	13 MMBF	13 MMBF
Mica	5 MMBF	5 MMBF
Cataldo	9 MMBF	9 MMBF
St. Joe	42 MMBF	42 MMBF
Ponderosa	25 MMBF	21 MMBF
Clearwater	33 MMBF	29 MMBF
Maggie Creek	16 MMBF	21 MMBF
Craig Mountain	5 MMBF	9 MMBF
Payette Lakes	25 MMBF	25 MMBF
Southwest	11 MMBF	11 MMBF
Eastern	4 MMBF	4 MMBF
TOTAL	212 MMBF	213 MMBF

Because of unforeseen natural events like wildfires, wind throw, and insect and disease infestations, it is difficult to have each individual sales plan exactly conform to the base level established. However, over the long-term, they do meet the base levels (see attachment 4). You will note that we are recommending increases over the base level for Maggie Creek and Craig Mountain due to substantial insect infestations on those Areas. To compensate for those increases, we are recommending volume reductions from base levels for the Ponderosa and Clearwater Areas.

The following volumes are proposed for FY-2007:

Sawlogs	-	209,000 MBF
Cedar Poles	-	4,000 MBF (20,000 Poles)
Pulp	-	1,540 MBF
Cedar Products	-	1,260 MBF

Total volume (sawlogs and cedar poles) equals 213,000 MBF. Additional pulp and cedar product volumes may be available for removal at the option of the sale purchaser or in accordance with Land Board policy.

The entire draft FY-2007 Timber Sales Plan was advertised in January, 2006, under the Board's public involvement policy. We received 16 requests for copies of the plan, and received three written comments. Four written comments were received after the initial public involvement advertisement in May 2005. The comments and our responses are attached.

### RECOMMENDATION

Direct the Department to proceed with publication of the FY-2007 Timber Sales Plan.

### BOARD ACTION

A motion was made by Secretary of State Ysursa to adopt the Department's recommendation being fully cognizant that the individual sales do come back to the Board for final approval. Controller Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

### ATTACHMENTS

1. Proposed FY-2007 Timber Sales Plan
2. FY-2007 Road Development Plan
3. Transmittal Letters
4. Annual Harvest Level Graph
5. Sales Plan comments and responses



# 2007 PROPOSED TIMBER SALES PLAN

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## PRIEST LAKE SUPERVISORY AREA

SALE NO.	SALE NAME	SUBDIVISION	SECTION	T & R	ACREAGE	APPROXIMATE VOLUME
1	Bugle OSR	Pts. S2SW, Pts. SWSE	12	63N/4W	250	700 M
		Pts. W2NE, Pts. NW	13	63N/4W		
		Pts. SW, Pts. NWSE	13	63N/4W		

Estimated Auction – Spring 2007.

This sale is located approximately 23 miles north of Coolin, Idaho within the Caribou Creek drainage. An overstory removal harvest will be applied to this stand. Ground-base and cable yarding systems will be required with this sale. Approximately 3.5 miles of spur road will be reconstructed and improved and 4.0 miles of secondary road will be improved with this sale. Bugle Creek is a Class I stream and is adjacent to the sale area. Class II streams are present within the sale area.

2	Caribou Chop	Pts. SWNE	11	63N/4W	450	3,000 M
		Pts. E2NW	11	63N/4W		
		Pts. NESW, Pts. NWSE	11	63N/4W		
		Pts. SESW, Pts. SWSE	11	63N/4W		
		Pts. W2NE, Pts. NENW	14	63N/4W		
		Pts. S2NW	14	63N/4W		

Estimated Auction – Spring 2007.

This sale is located approximately 24 miles north of Coolin, Idaho within the Bugle Creek and Caribou Creek drainages. The sale will be harvested using a combination of shelterwood and single tree selection methods. Helicopter yarding will be required with this sale. Helicopter landings will be developed with this sale and no road development work will be required. Bugle Creek is a Class I stream and is adjacent to the sale area. Class II streams are present within the sale area.

3	Lion Park	Pts. Govt. Lots 3 & 4	3	62N/4W	200	1,500 M
		Pts. S2NW	3	62N/4W		
		Pts. SW	3	62N/4W		

Estimated Auction – Winter 2007.

This sale is located approximately 19 miles north of Coolin, Idaho near the north head of Priest Lake and the Lion Creek drainage. A combination of seedtree, shelterwood, overstory removal and large group selection harvest methods will be applied to this stand. Ground-base harvest systems will be required with this sale. Approximately 0.5 miles of spur road will be constructed and 1.0 mile of spur road will be reconstructed. These same roads will be closed by gating or barricading upon the completion of the sale activities. Approximately 7.0 miles of main road will be improved. Caribou Creek and Lion Creek are Class I streams adjacent to the sale area and Class II streams are present within the sale area.

4	Bear Deuce	Pts. NE, Pts. Govt. Lot 1	10	61N/4W	200	1,200 M
		Pts. NENW	10	61N/4W		
		Pts. S2NW, Pts. S2	10	61N/4W		
		Pts. NE, Pts. E2NW, Pts. NWNW	15	61N/4W		
		Pts. Govt. Lot 1	16	61N/4W		

Estimated Auction – Winter 2007.

This sale is located approximately 12 miles north of Coolin, Idaho located within the Bear Creek drainage. This sale is a second stage shelterwood and will utilize a seedtree and light shelterwood harvest prescription. Ground-base harvest systems will be required for this sale. Approximately 0.5 miles of spur road will be constructed. Class II streams are present within the sale area.

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SALE NO.	SALE NAME	SUBDIVISION	SECTION	T & R	ACREAGE	APPROXIMATE VOLUME
5	Horton Hunt Divide	Pts. Govt. Lots 2, 3 & 4, Pts. S2N2	1	60N/4W	300	3,000 M
		Pts. N2S2, Pts. S2SW	1	60N/4W		
		Pts. Govt. Lot 1, Pts. SENE	2	60N/4W		
		Pts. E2SE	2	60N/4W		

Estimated Auction – Spring 2007.

This sale is located approximately 8 miles northeast of Coolin, Idaho within the Horton Creek and Hunt Creek drainages. This sale will be harvested with a shelterwood method. Ground-base and cable yarding systems will be required with multi-span capabilities with this sale. Approximately 1.5 miles of spur road will be constructed and 2.0 miles of spur road will be reconstructed with this sale. Approximately 0.1 miles of main road will be constructed to improve fish passage and water quality on a Class I stream by re-routing a short section of road. The plan involves 3.5 miles of road to be gated or barricaded following harvest activities. Class II streams are present within the sale area.

6	Cougar Hunt	Pts. Govt. Lots 1, 2, 3 & 4	18	60N/3W	712	3,000 M
		Pts. SESW	18	60N/3W		
		Pts. NE, Pts. Govt. Lots 1 & 2	19	60N/3W		
		Pts. E2NW	19	60N/3W		
		Pts. NE, Pts. S2NW, Pts. S2	13	60N/4W		
		Pts. E2SE	14	60N/4W		
		Pts. NENE, Pts. N2NW	24	60N/4W		

Estimated Auction – Spring 2007.

This sale is located approximately 5.5 miles northeast of Coolin Idaho in the Cougar Creek drainage. The sale will be harvested using a combination of seed tree, shelterwood and overstory removal methods. Both ground-base and cable yarding with multi-span capabilities will be required with this sale. Approximately 1.0 mile of spur road will be constructed, 2.0 miles of spur road will be reconstructed, 2.0 miles of spur road will be improved and 2.0 miles of secondary road will be improved with this sale. Existing gates will be closed after completion of harvest activities. Class I and Class II streams are adjacent to and present within the sale area.

7	Housing Interface	Pts. SENE, Govt. Lot 3, Pts. SENW	3	59N/4W	210	800 M
		Pts. E2SE	9	59N/4W		
		Pts. SESW	10	59N/4W		
		Pts. Govt. Lot 5	15	59N/4W		
		Pts. Govt. Lot 1	22	59N/4W		
		Pts. Govt. Lots 1, 2, 4 & 5	3	60N/4W		
		Pts. SENE	3	60N/4W		
		Pts. Govt. Lots 2 & 3	10	60N/4W		
		Pts. SWNW, Pts. Govt. Lot 1	11	60N/4W		
		Pts. SWNE, Pts. SENW	22	60N/4W		
		Pts. Govt. Lots 3, 4 & 7	22	60N/4W		
		Pts. Govt. Lots 1 & 3	26	60N/4W		
		Pts. SWNW, Pts. NWSW	26	60N/4W		
		Pts. E2NE	28	60N/4W		
		Pts. Govt. Lot 1	34	60N/4W		

Estimated Auction – Spring 2007.

This sale is located in close proximity to Coolin, Idaho and spread out from 7 miles north to 2.5 miles south of Coolin within the Hunt Creek, Horton Creek, Cougar Creek and Chase Creek drainages. The silvicultural prescription for this sale involves a combination of methods to facilitate the reduction of fire hazards and decrease vulnerability to insects and disease around rural residential housing and cottage lease lot sites. The methods will include low and crown commercial thinnings, sanitation and salvage harvesting. Ground-base harvesting and short cable yarding will be required. Approximately 2.0 miles of spur road will be reconstructed and 3.0 miles of spur road will be improved. Class I and Class II streams are within or nearby the sale area.

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SALE NO.	SALE NAME	SUBDIVISION	SECTION	T & R	ACREAGE	APPROXIMATE VOLUME
8	Race Wallow	Pts. SESW	21	59N/3W	830	2,500 M
		Pts. W2	26	59N/3W		
		Pts. N2, Pts. SE, Pts. E2SW	27	59N/3W		
		Pts. NWSW	27	59N/3W		
		Pts. NE, Pts. E2NW, Pts. SWNW	28	59N/3W		
		Pts. E2, Pts. NWSW	28	59N/3W		
		Pts. N2SE, Pts. SWSE	28	59N/3W		
		Pts. NENW, Pts. NWSE	33	59N/3W		

Estimated Auction – Spring 2007.

This sale is located 8 miles southeast from Coolin, Idaho within the Race Creek drainage. A combination of silvicultural prescriptions will be applied to this stand involving single tree and group selection methods. Harvesting systems will include ground-base yarding, cable yarding with multi-span capabilities and helicopter yarding. Approximately 1.5 miles of spur road will be constructed, 2.0 miles of road will be reconstructed and 5.0 miles of road will be improved. Class I and Class II streams are within or adjacent to the sale area. Existing gates will be closed following harvest activities.

9	Midbugs Over	Pts. SENW, Pts. SW	5	58N/3W	700	1,000 M
		Pts. NWSE	5	58N/3W		
		Pts. Govt. Lots 4 & 7	6	58N/3W		
		Pts. SESW, Pts. SE	6	58N/3W		
		Pts. NE, Pts. NENW	7	58N/3W		
		Pts. Govt. Lots 1 & 2	7	58N/3W		
		Pts. SENW	7	58N/3W		
		Pts. Govt. Lot 2	1	58N/4W		
		Pts. Govt. Lot 3, Pts. S2NE	1	58N/4W		
		Pts. SENW, Pts. W2SE	1	58N/4W		
		Pts. E2NE	12	58N/4W		
		Pts. Govt. Lots 2, 3 & 4	31	59N/3W		
		Pts. SENW, Pts. NESW	31	59N/3W		

Estimated Auction – Winter 2007.

This sale is located approximately 6.5 miles southeast of Coolin, Idaho in the Waters Creek and Middle Fork East River drainages. A portion of this sale was originally advertised as the Northover sale. Harvesting prescription will consist of an overstory removal. The harvest methods will include ground base and line machines with multispan capabilities. Developments will consist of approximately 8 miles of opening and approximately 4 miles of improvements to secondary and spur roads. Several unnamed roads will be gated or barricaded following sale activity. Class II streams are present within the sale.

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	100	300 M
TOTALS:	3,952	17,000 M

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## PEND OREILLE LAKE SUPERVISORY AREA

SALE NO.	SALE NAME	SUBDIVISION	SECTION	T & R	ACREAGE	APPROXIMATE VOLUME
1	First Guide	Pts. W2 Pts. Pts. NW	5 6 8	55N/4W 55N/4W 55N/4W	400	1,000 M
Estimated Auction – Spring 2007.						
This sale is located 3 miles southeast of Priest River, Idaho in the Pend Oreille River drainage. A combination of seedtree and overstory removal prescriptions will be applied to this stand. Tractor and line skidding will be required. Approximately 2.0 mile of spur road will be reconstructed. Class II streams are present.						
2	Little Pine II	Pts. S2SW Pts. NESW, Pts. S2SW Pts. S2NE, Pts. NW Pts. N2NW	21 27 28 34	57N/4W 57N/4W 57N/4W 57N/4W	250	1,700 M
Estimated Auction – Winter 2007.						
This sale is located approximately 13 miles west of Sandpoint, Idaho in the Little Pine Creek drainage. A combination of seed tree, shelterwood, and commercial thinning harvest prescriptions will be applied on this sale. Tractor and line skidding will be required. Approximately 3 miles of spur road will be improved. Class II streams are present.						
3	Prater West	Pts. Pts. SWSW Pts. NWNW Pts. NENE	10 11 14 15	57N/4W 57N/4W 57N/4W 57N/4W	300	2,000 M
Estimated Auction – Spring 2007.						
This sale is located approximately 12 miles northwest of Sandpoint, Idaho in the Ranger Creek and Blue Creek drainages. A combination of shelterwood, seed tree and commercial thinning prescriptions will be employed to harvest this area. Multi-span line skidding and tractor skidding will be required. Approximately 1.5 miles of main road, 5 miles of secondary road, and 1.4 miles of spur road will be improved. Class II streams are present in the proposed sale boundary.						
4	Trout Creek Helo	W2NE, Pts. SENW, Pts. SESE	30	58N/1E	160	2,000 M
Estimated Auction – Summer 2006.						
This sale is located approximately 10 miles northeast of Sandpoint, Idaho in the Pack River drainage. Site specific Best Management Practices (BMP's) are in place in the Pack River Drainage, developed under the anti-degradation program, and will be utilized. A combination of shelterwood and commercial thinning methods will be used to harvest this site. Helicopter and tractor skidding will be required. Approximately 1.7 miles of spur road will be improved. The Pack River (a Class I stream), and a tributary Class II stream are located adjacent to the sale boundary.						
5	Boat Club	Pts. SW, Pts. S2SE Pts. Govt. Lot 6	36 36	57N/3W 57N/3W	200	1,000 M
Estimated Auction – Spring 2007.						
This sale is located 4 miles southwest of Sandpoint, Idaho in the Pend Oreille River drainage. A combination of shelterwood, seedtree, commercial thinning and group selection harvest techniques will be applied. Tractor skidding, multi-span line skidding and helicopter yarding will be required. Approximately 2.5 miles of spur road will be reconstructed. Class II streams are present.						

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SALE NO.	SALE NAME	SUBDIVISION	SECTION	T & R	ACREAGE	APPROXIMATE VOLUME
6	Saddler	Pts. S2SW	3	56N/5W	225	3,000 M
		Pts. NE, Pts. SESW	9	56N/5W		
		Pts. W2SE	9	56N/5W		
		Pts. N2NW, Pts. SWNW	10	56N/5W		
		Pts. NWSW	10	56N/5W		
		Pts. SWNW	15	56N/5W		
		Pts. NE, Pts. NENW	16	56N/5W		

Estimated Auction – Winter 2007.

This sale is located approximately 20 miles west of Sandpoint, Idaho in the Saddler Creek drainage. A combination of seedtree, shelterwood and clearcut harvest prescriptions will be applied to mature stands of sawtimber. Multi-span line skidding and tractor skidding will be required. Approximately 4 miles of spur roads will be improved. Three clearcuts ranging from 8 to 54 acres for a total of 74 acres are proposed. Both Class I and Class II streams are present.

7	Koch Creek Bugs	Pts. Govt. Lots 6 & 7	4	57N/4W	300	1,500 M
		Pts. SWNE, Pts. S2NW	4	57N/4W		
		Pts. SW, Pts. W2SE	4	57N/4W		
		Pts. SESE	4	57N/4W		
		Pts. Govt. Lots 6 & 7	5	57N/4W		
		Pts. S2NE, Pts. S2NW	5	57N/4W		
		Pts. N2SW, Pts. E2SE	5	57N/4W		
		Pts. Govt. Lots 4, 5, 6, 9 & 10	6	57N/4W		
		Pts. Govt. Lot 11, Pts. SWNE	6	57N/4W		
		Pts. SENW, Pts. SESW	6	57N/4W		
		Pts. Govt. Lot 1, Pts. W2NE	7	57N/4W		
		Pts. E2NW	7	57N/4W		

Estimated Auction – Spring 2007.

This sale is located approximately 8 miles northwest of Sandpoint, Idaho in the Big Creek and Koch Creek drainages. A combination of shelterwood, overstory removal and commercial thinning prescriptions will be used to harvest this stand. Tractor and line skidding will be required. Approximately 7 miles of main road, 1.5 miles of secondary road, and 0.75 miles of spur road will be improved. Class II streams are present.

8	Swiper Salvage	Pts. Govt. Lots 2, 3 & 4	31	58N/3W	50	600 M
		Pts. NE, Pts. SENW	31	58N/3W		
		Pts. NESW, Pts. W2SE	31	58N/3W		

Estimated Auction – Winter 2007.

This sale is located approximately 8 miles northwest of Sandpoint, Idaho in the Fox Creek drainage. A combination of shelterwood and seed tree prescriptions will be employed to harvest this stand. Tractor skidding will be required. Approximately 5 miles of main road and 0.75 miles of spur road will be improved. Class II streams are located within the proposed sale boundary.

Additional small volume sales:

	80	200 M
TOTALS:	1,965	13,000 M

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### KOOTENAI VALLEY SUPERVISORY AREA

SALE NO.	SALE NAME	SUBDIVISION	SECTION	T & R	ACREAGE	APPROXIMATE VOLUME
1	Beaver Dam	Pts. SENE	28	60N/1E	322	3,300 M
		Pts. W2NE	28	60N/1E		
		Pts. W2	28	60N/1E		
		Pts. SE	28	60N/1E		
		Pts. SWNE	29	60N/1E		
		Pts. S2NW	29	60N/1E		
		Pts. NESW	29	60N/1E		
		Pts. NWSE	29	60N/1E		
		Pts. SESE	29	60N/1E		

Estimated Auction – Spring 2007.

This sale is located about 4 miles southeast of Naples near Jay Peak in the upper Trail Creek drainage. Shelterwood and seed tree prescriptions are planned. Group selection harvest may result in small openings up to 3 acres in size. Helicopter yarding, skyline yarding, tractor skidding, and swing yarding (combination of skyline and tractor methods) will be required. Approximately 2.0 miles of existing secondary road will have the drainage improved by the addition of pit run rock at selected locations. Several Class II streams are located within or adjacent to the sale area.

2	Hello Ducky	Pts. W2SW	25	62N/1W	380	3,000 M
		Pts. S2NE	36	62N/1W		
		Pts. W2	36	62N/1W		
		Pts. SE	36	62N/1W		

Estimated Auction – Spring 2007.

This sale is located 4 miles west of Bonners Ferry in the lower Deep Creek drainage. Shelterwood, seed tree, and commercial thin harvest prescriptions are planned. Two small areas (30 acres and 10 acres each) will be clearcut. Helicopter yarding, skyline yarding, and tractor skidding will be required. Approximately 3.5 miles of existing spur road will be opened. Deep Creek (a Class I stream) flows through this parcel, however logging operations are not planned immediately adjacent to the riparian area. Class II streams are located within the sale.

3	East Purcell Poles	Pts. S2	4	60N/1E	400	2,000 Cedar Pole
		Pts. SE	8	60N/1E		
		Pts. S2NE	8	60N/1E		
		Pts. S2SE	36	60N/1W		
		Pts. SW	1	59N/1W		
		Pts. NW	12	59N/1W		

Estimated Auction – Winter 2007.

This sale occurs in several well distributed units located east of Highway 95 from the Elmira area north to Naples along the east side of the Purcell Trench. Portions of the sale are in the Twentymile, Trail, Dennick, Bloom and Sand Creek drainages (Kootenai and Pend Oreille River tributaries). Selective logging will remove cedar poles using tractor and line skidding methods. No additional road construction or reconstruction is planned. Forest products will be removed using existing roads with only minor opening (brushing and shaping) required. Class I and class II streams flow through or adjacent to several of the sale units, however logging operations are not planned within riparian areas.

Additional small volume sales:

	200	300 M
TOTALS:	1,302	6,600 M
		2,000 Cedar Pole



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### MICA SUPERVISORY AREA

SALE NO.	SALE NAME	SUBDIVISION	SECTION	T & R	ACREAGE	APPROXIMATE VOLUME
1	Last Supper	Pts. SW	17	53N/5W	600	4,800 M
		Pts. All	18	53N/5W		
		Pts. E2NW	19	53N/5W		
		Pts. Govt. Lots 1 & 2	19	53N/5W		
		Pts. N2NE	19	53N/5W		
		Pts. N2NW	20	53N/5W		
		Pts. S2	12	53N/6W		
		Pts. All	13	53N/6W		
		Pts. All	24	53N/6W		

Estimated Auction – Spring 2007.

This sale is located approximately 7 miles southwest of Spirit Lake, Idaho in the Supper, Blister and Brickel Creek drainages. Shelterwood, seed tree, and overstory removal prescriptions are planned. Both tractor and line skidding harvest methods will be required. Approximately 9.5 miles of spur road will be constructed, approximately 4.5 miles of spur road will be reconstructed, and approximately 2.5 miles of spur road will be opened and improved. There are three Class I streams located within the sale area and several unnamed Class II streams.

Additional small volume sales:

	100	200 M
TOTALS:	700	5,000 M

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### ST. JOE SUPERVISORY AREA

SALE NO.	SALE NAME	SUBDIVISION	SECTION	T & R	ACREAGE	APPROXIMATE VOLUME
1	Scramble Pole	Pts. NESW, Pts. S2SW	13	41N/4E	602	790 M
		Pts. NWSE, Pts. S2SE	13	41N/4E		300 M Cedar Pro
		Pts. E2SE	14	41N/4E		6,300 Cedar Poles
		Pts. NENE, Pts. N2SENE	23	41N/4E		
		Pts. N2N2, Pts. N2S2N2	24	41N/4E		
		Pts. Govt. Lots 3 & 4	2	41N/4E		
		Pts. S2NW, Pts. SW	2	41N/4E		
		Pts. Govt. Lots 1 & 2	3	41N/4E		
		Pts. SENE, Pts. E2SE	3	41N/4E		
		Pts. SESE	34	42N/4E		
		Pts. SWSW	35	42N/4E		

Estimated Auction – Summer 2006.

This sale is located approximately 16 miles southeast of Clarkia, Idaho in the Floodwood Creek, Breakfast Creek, and Little North Fork of the Clearwater River drainages. Cedar poles will be harvested. Both tractor and skyline systems will be utilized, including the use of elevated tailholds and forwarding. Developments include approximately 1.3 miles of secondary road opening, 14.3 miles of secondary road reconstruction, and .5 miles of secondary road new construction. Several Class II streams flow through the sale area.

2	Wilson North	Pts. S2SWNE	13	44N/1W	220	5,400 M
		Pts. S2SENE	13	44N/1W		50 M Cedar Pro
		Pts. S2	13	44N/1W		
		Pts. N2, Pts. SW, Pts. W2SE	17	44N/1E		
		Pts. S2NE	18	44N/1E		
		Pts. Govt. Lots 3 & 4	18	44N/1E		
		Pts. NESW, Pts. NWSE	18	44N/1E		

Estimated Auction – Summer 2006.

This sale is located approximately 4 miles north of Fernwood, Idaho in the Renfro, Crystal, and Wilson Creek drainages. All streams are tributary to the St. Maries River. The sale will remove overmature and decadent timber utilizing the clearcut method on all 3 units (52, 60, and 90 acres). Both skyline and ground based skidding will be used. Developments include approximately 10.3 miles of secondary road opening and 4 miles of secondary road new construction and spot surfacing. Several Class II streams flow through the sale area.

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SALE NO.	SALE NAME	SUBDIVISION	SECTION	T & R	ACREAGE	APPROXIMATE VOLUME
3	Scrape Line	Pts. SWSW	4	44N/1E	434	6,450 M 45 M Cedar Products
		Pts. S2	5	44N/1E		
		Pts. S2SE	6	44N/1E		
		Pts. N2NE, Pts. SENE	7	44N/1E		
		Pts. E2SE	7	44N/1E		
		Pts. N2, Pts. N2SW	8	44N/1E		
		Pts. S2	24	45N/1W		
		Pts. E2NE	25	45N/1W		
		Pts. Govt. Lot 2, Pts. SENW	19	45N/1E		
		Pts. NESW	19	45N/1E		
		Pts. Govt. Lots 3 & 4	19	45N/1E		
		Pts. SWNE, Pts. NENW	30	45N/1E		
		Pts. Govt. Lots 1 & 2	30	45N/1E		
		Pts. NESW	30	45N/1E		
		Pts. Govt. Lots 3 & 4	30	45N/1E		
		Pts. SESW, Pts. NWSE	30	45N/1E		

Estimated Auction – Summer 2006.

The main sale area is located approximately 6 miles northeast of Santa, Idaho in the Beaver Creek drainage. Silvicultural prescriptions will include a shelterwood harvest, an overstory removal with cedar poles reserved and two clearcuts of approximately 19 acres and 34 acres. Both tractor and skyline skidding methods will be utilized, including the use of elevated tailholds, extended tailholds, and forwarding. Developments to access the main sale area include opening of approximately 13.96 miles of secondary road, reconstruction of approximately 0.3 mile of spur road, and reconstruction/surfacing of approximately 5.7 miles of mainhaul road. Developments also include approximately 8.3 miles of secondary road construction and 2 miles of secondary road opening in the Renfro Creek drainage which will access future management activities. Several Class II streams flow through the sale area.

4	Greased Sawlog	Pts. SESE	7	44N/1E	245	3,600 M 20 M Cedar Products
		Pts. NE	8	44N/1E		
		Pts. SE	8	44N/1E		
		Pts. SW	8	44N/1E		
		Pts. W2NW	9	44N/1E		
		Pts. NWNW	17	44N/1E		
		Pts. N2	18	44N/1E		
		Pts. Govt. Lots 1 & 2	18	44N/1E		
		Pts. NE	13	44N/1W		

Estimated Auction – Summer 2006.

This sale is located approximately 3 miles northeast of Santa, Idaho in the Renfro Creek drainage. Silvicultural prescriptions include two clearcuts of 28 and 64 acres, two shelterwood units, and a seed tree unit. Both skyline and ground based harvest systems will be used. Developments will include approximately 2.8 miles of secondary road opening and approximately 0.3 mile of new spur road construction. Renfro Creek, a Class I stream is the southerly boundary of the sale. Several unnamed Class II streams flow through the sale area.

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SALE NO.	SALE NAME	SUBDIVISION	SECTION	T & R	ACREAGE	APPROXIMATE VOLUME
5	Smith Ridge OSR	Pts. SE	13	41N/5E	304	2,700 M
		Pts. S2SW	15	41N/5E		75 M Cedar Pro
		Pts. NW	20	41N/5E		
		Pts. NWNW	22	41N/5E		
		Pts. NE	24	41N/5E		
		Pts. NWSW	28	41N/5E		
		Pts. E2SW	29	41N/5E		
		Pts. SE	29	41N/5E		

Estimated Auction – Spring 2007.

This sale is located approximately 20 miles southeast of Clarkia, Idaho in the Little North Fork and North Fork of the Clearwater River drainage. The silvicultural prescription is overstory removal. Both tractor and skyline skidding will be utilized. Developments include the opening and improving of approximately 6 miles of existing secondary roads. Joes Creek and Whiskey Creek (Class II streams) and several unnamed Class II streams flow through the sale area.

6	Old Santa	Pts. N2	32	43N/1E	650	4,000 M
		Pts. S2	9	43N/1E		100 M Cedar Pro
		Pts.	16	43N/1W		
		Pts.	25	43N/1W		
		Pts.	16	44N/1W		
		Pts. NE, Pts. E2SE	20	44N/1W		
		Pts.	21	44N/1W		

Estimated Auction – Spring 2007.

This sale is located in five geographical units situated in the W. Fork of Emerald Creek, Carpenter Creek, Santa Creek, St. Maries River, Tyson Creek, and Little Carpenter Creek drainages near Fernwood, Idaho. Stands are mature and overmature and are comprised of mixed species. The silvicultural prescription is overstory removal. Tractor and skyline skidding will be utilized. Developments include approximately 8 miles of secondary road reconstruction and 2 miles of secondary road new construction. Several unnamed Class II streams flow through the sale area.

7	River Breaks	Pts. SESW, Pts. ESE, Pts. S2SE	2	45N/2W	300	6,040 M
		Pts. NE, Pts. NENW, Pts. N2SE	11	45N/2W		145 M Cedar Pr
		Pts. W2NW	12	45N/2W		
		Pts. W2NE, Pts. S2NW, Pts. SW	16	45N/2W		
		Pts. SE	17	45N/2W		

Estimated Auction – Summer 2006.

This sale is located 3 miles southeast of St. Maries, Idaho in the St. Maries River drainage. The sale will have one 9 acre clearcut and several shelterwood units. Both tractor and skyline skidding will be utilized for harvesting. Road development will include approximately 3 miles of secondary road new construction and rockin approximately 2 miles of existing mainhaul road. Several unnamed Class II streams flow through the sale area.

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SALE NO.	SALE NAME	SUBDIVISION	SECTION	T & R	ACREAGE	APPROXIMATE VOLUME
8	Light Pole	Pts. NWNW	1	41N/4E	272	440 M
		Pts. N2	2	41N/4E		200 M Cedar Products
		Pts. N2	24	42N/4E		2,200 Cedar Poles
		Pts. S2	35	42N/4E		
		Pts. S2	36	42N/4E		

Estimated Auction – Summer 2006.

This sale is located approximately 15 miles southeast of Clarkia, Idaho in the Floodwood Creek drainage. The silvicultural prescription is a selective cut removing cedar poles and other cedar designated for harvest. Both tractor and skyline skidding systems will be utilized. Developments include approximately 0.5 mile of new secondary road construction and approximately 8 miles of secondary road reconstruction. Class II streams flow through the sale area.

9	Brequito OSR	Pts. S2SE	22	41N/4E	340	3,800 M
		Pts. S2SW, Pts. SWSE	23	41N/4E		300 M Cedar Products
		Pts. N2NW, Pts. SWNW	26	41N/4E		
		Pts. NE, Pts. S2NW, Pts. N2SW	27	41N/4E		
		Pts. NESW, Pts. SE	34	41N/4E		
		Pts. W2SW, Pts. S2SW	35	41N/4E		
		Pts. SESESW	35	41N/4E		

Estimated Auction – Summer 2006.

This sale is located approximately 20 miles southeast of Clarkia, Idaho in the North Fork of the Clearwater River drainage. The silvicultural prescription is overstory removal of previously logged area. Both tractor and line skidding methods utilizing elevated tailholds, intermediate supports, and extended yarding distances will be used. Developments include approximately 0.1 mile of new spur road construction, 1.5 miles of mainhaul road reconstruction, and 5 miles of secondary road reconstruction. Several Class II streams flow through the area.

10a	Log Power	Pts. Govt. Lots 1, 2, 3 & 4	30	42N/2E	245	6,120 M
		Pts. E2SW	30	42N/2E		25 M Cedar Products
		Pts. NWNE	30	42N/2E		
		Pts. E2NW	30	42N/2E		

Estimated Auction – Summer 2006.

This sale is located approximately 3 miles south of Clarkia, Idaho in the Cat Spur Creek and Log Creek drainages. Silvicultural prescriptions include seed tree and shelterwood units, and two clearcut units of approximately 25 and 48 acres. Both tractor and skyline harvest methods will be employed, including the potential use of elevated tailholds, intermediate supports, and forwarding. Developments include reconstruction of approximately 0.2 mile of existing secondary road and construction of approximately 4 miles of secondary road. Access to this sale is across USFS, and the right-of-way permit is currently in litigation. If not resolved, then this sale will be replaced with the Two Elk timber sale. Several unnamed Class II streams, and one unnamed class I stream, flow through the sale area.

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### ST. JOE SUPERVISORY AREA

SALE NO.	SALE NAME	SUBDIVISION	SECTION	T & R	ACREAGE	APPROXIMATE VOLUME
10b	Two Elk	Pts. S2NE	12	43N/1E	335	6,200 M
		Pts. NW	12	43N/1E		50 M Cedar Pro
		Pts. S2	12	43N/1E		
		Pts. N2NW	13	43N/1E		
		Pts. NWSWNW	13	43N/1E		
		Pts. NENE	14	43N/1E		
		Pts. Govt. Lot 1	18	43N/2E		
		Pts. E2	18	43N/2E		
		Pts. NWNW	20	43N/2E		

Estimated Auction – Summer 2006.

This sale is located approximately 5 miles north-northwest of Clarkia, Idaho in the Child's Creek drainage. Silvicultural prescriptions include seed tree units and two clearcut units of approximately 58 and 87 acres. Both tractor and skyline harvest methods will be employed, including the potential use of elevated tailholds, extended tailholds, intermediate supports, and forwarding. Developments include construction of approximately 5.5 miles of new secondary road, reconstruction of approximately 3.3 miles of existing secondary road, and opening of approximately 10.9 miles of existing secondary road. This sale is an alternate for the Log Power sale, which may be delayed due to legal issues affecting access. Several unnamed Class II streams flow through the sale area.

Additional small volume sales:	1,200	1,000 M
		300 Cedar Prod
TOTALS:	4,812*	40,340 M*
		8,500 Cedar Pole
		1,560 M Cedar Pr

\* Excludes Two Elk sale as this is a replacement sale for Log Power if needed.

### Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation

Homestead	Pts. SW	8	46N/3W	130	1,700 M
	Pts. SE	8	46N/3W		
	Pts. S2NW	8	46N/3W		
	Pts. SW	9	46N/3W		

This sale is located approximately 10 miles west of St. Maries, Idaho within Heyburn State Park. The sale follows the guidelines for ponderosa pine restoration as outlined in the park's natural resource management plan. Mechanical harvesting and tractor skidding will be used within the entire sale area. Developments include approximately 1.9 miles of secondary road new construction and 0.3 miles of secondary road reconstruction. Two Class II streams border the sale area.

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## CATALDO SUPERVISORY AREA

SALE NO.	SALE NAME	SUBDIVISION	SECTION	T & R	ACREAGE	APPROXIMATE VOLUME
1	Bull Run	Pts. Govt. Lots 3 & 4	10	48N/1W	194	3,000 M
		Pts. S2 NW	10	48N/1W		
		Pts. SWNE	10	48N/1W		
		Pts. Govt. Lots 11 & 12	3	48N/1W		

Estimated Auction – Spring 2007.

This sale is located approximately 2 miles south of Rose Lake, Idaho in the Bull Run, and Coeur d'Alene River (303d) drainage. A Shelterwood harvest prescription will be applied to this mature stand. Both tractor and skyline skidding systems will be employed, including the potential use of elevated tailholds, extended (tagline) tailholds, and intermediate supports. Approximately 5 miles of secondary road will be opened, 2 miles of spur road will be reconstructed, and 2 miles of spur road will be constructed. Class I and Class II streams are present.

2	Capitol Porcelain	Pts. W2	20	48N/1E	160	1,200 M
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Estimated Auction – Summer 2006.

This sale is located approximately 4 miles southwest of Cataldo, Idaho in the Little Baldy Creek and Latour Creek drainages. A combination of seed tree, shelterwood and clearcut (50 acres) harvest prescriptions will be applied to this mature stand. Both tractor and skyline yarding systems will be employed, including the potential use of elevated tailholds, extended (tagline) tailholds, and intermediate supports. Approximately 15 miles of mainhaul will be opened and approximately 1 mile of spur road will be constructed. Class I and Class II streams are present.

3	Hazendorf	Pts. S2	9	49N/2E	272	4,750 M
		Pts. N2, Pts. SW, Pts. NWSE	16	49N/2E		

Estimated Auction – Winter 2007.

This sale is located approximately 4 miles northeast of Kingston, Idaho. The sale lies within the Northfork of the Coeur d'Alene River, a 303d listed drainage. Silvicultural prescriptions will include a shelterwood harvest and two clearcuts. Clearcuts will be approximately 15 and 50 acres. Both tractor and skyline skidding systems will be utilized, including the use of elevated tailholds, extended tailholds, intermediate supports and forwarding. Approximately 2.25 miles of secondary road will be constructed and approximately 7.4 miles of secondary road will be opened. A class I stream and several intermittent class II streams flow through the sale area.

Additional small volume sales:

	0	50 M
TOTALS:	626	9,000 M

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### CLEARWATER SUPERVISORY AREA

SALE NO.	SALE NAME	SUBDIVISION	SECTION	T & R	ACREAGE	APPROXIMATE VOLUME
1	Placer Ridge	Pts. NENE	11	36N/4E	225	4,945 M
		Pts. N2NE, Pts. NW	12	36N/4E		
		Pts. E2SW, Pts. SE	12	36N/4E		
		Pts. NWNNE	13	36N/4E		
Estimated Auction – Winter 2007.						
This sale is located approximately 5 miles west of Pierce, Idaho. Silvicultural prescriptions include seedtree and two clearcuts (65 and 35 acres). Tractor and cable yarding will be required with cable distances up to 1,200 feet. Development work on spur roads includes approximately 2.62 miles of new construction and opening of 0.8 mile. Several Class II streams are within the sale area.						
2	Whiskey Buck Pole	Pts. Govt. Lots 3 & 4	5	37N/4E	315	670 M 4,600 Cedar Poles
		Pts. S2NW, Pts. NESW	5	37N/4E		
		Pts. NWSE	5	37N/4E		
		Pts. Govt. Lots 1 & 2	6	37N/4E		
		Pts. S2NE, Pts. Govt. Lot 6	6	37N/4E		
		Pts. NESW, Pts. NWSE	6	37N/4E		
		Pts. E2SW, Pts. S2SE	31	38N/4E		
		Pts. SW, Pts. SWSE	32	38N/4E		
Estimated Auction – Summer 2006.						
This sale is located approximately 16 miles northeast of Orofino, Idaho, in the headwaters of Buck Creek. Pole quality cedar will be harvested from a mixed species stand. The majority of this sale will require cable yarding (up to 1,800 feet) with some tractor skidding on the ridges. Spur road development includes approximately 0.15 mile of construction, 0.37 mile of reconstruction and 1.98 miles of open. Secondary road development includes approximately 0.63 mile of construction, 2.67 miles of reconstruction and 1.4 miles of open. Several Class II streams are present within the sale area.						
3	Falls Crossing	Pts. NE, Pts. E2SE	19	37N/3E	298	6,565 M
		Pts. NWNW	20	37N/3E		
		Pts. S2NW, Pts. SW	20	37N/3E		
		Pts. NWSE, Pts. S2SE	20	37N/3E		
		Pts. NENE	29	37N/3E		

Estimated Auction – Spring 2007.

This sale is located approximately 7 miles northeast of Orofino, Idaho. Silvicultural prescriptions include a 66 acre clearcut, shelterwood, seed tree, and overstory removal. Both tractor and cable yarding, with distances up to 300 feet, will be utilized. Adverse tractor skidding will be used in conjunction with short-span cable yarding to harvest areas below the new road construction. Development includes approximately 1.5 miles of spur road construction. No Class I streams exist in or adjacent to this sale. Falls Creek, a Class II stream is adjacent to this sale approximately 0.5 mile from its confluence with a Class I stream.



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### CLEARWATER SUPERVISORY AREA

SALE NO.	SALE NAME	SUBDIVISION	SECTION	T & R	ACREAGE	APPROXIMATE VOLUME
4	Mill Road Commercial	Pts. SE	8	37N/3E	259	2,145 M
		Pts. SWNW, Pts. SW	9	37N/3E		
		Pts. W2SE	9	37N/3E		
		Pts. NWNW	16	37N/3E		
		Pts. N2NE, Pts. SWNE	17	37N/3E		

Estimated Auction – Spring 2007.

This sale is located approximately 8 miles northeast of Orofino, Idaho. This sale will commercially thin a 40-50 year old small sawlog stand. Harvest requirements will include cut-to-length equipment. Spur road development work will include 0.75 mile of construction and 1.7 miles of reconstruction. Several Class II streams are present within the sale area. All species and products will be sold for a single per ton price.

5	Evans	Pts. E2SE	19	39N/4E	224	4,750 M
		Pts. NE	20	39N/4E		
		Pts. S2NW	20	39N/4E		
		Pts. SW	20	39N/4E		
		Pts. NESE	20	39N/4E		

Estimated Auction – Summer 2006.

This sale is located approximately 10 miles northwest of Headquarters, Idaho. Seed tree/shelterwood prescriptions will be used on the entire sale to harvest mature timber. Approximately 200 acres will be tractor skidded and 25 acres will be cable yarded with distances up to 1,200 feet. Development work will include approximately 1.5 miles of new secondary road construction. Several unnamed Class II streams, tributary to Dworshak Reservoir, are located within the sale area.

6	Leftover Lewis	Pts. S2SW	28	39N/4E	74	1,995 M
		Pts. E2NE	33	39N/4E		
		Pts. NESE	33	39N/4E		

Estimated Auction – Fall 2006.

This sale is located approximately 8 miles northwest of Headquarters, Idaho. The sale will utilize one 38 acre clearcut and a seed tree unit to harvest mature and over mature timber. All units will require cable yarding with distances up to 1,500 feet. Approximately 0.1 mile of new spur road will be constructed. Several unnamed Class II streams are present on the sale area.

7	Feary Pole	Pts. S2NE	23	39N/4E	402	450 M 2,900 Cedar Poles
		Pts. SENW	23	39N/4E		
		Pts. SE	23	39N/4E		
		Pts. W2SW	24	39N/4E		
		Pts. N2NE	26	39N/4E		
		Pts. NW	28	39N/5E		
		Pts. N2SE	28	39N/5E		

Estimated Auction – Spring 2007.

This sale is divided into two separate units. The Feary Creek unit is located approximately 7 miles northwest of Headquarters, Idaho, and the Upper Parallel unit approximately 5 miles north of Headquarters, Idaho. Pole quality cedar and some additional seed trees will be harvested using both tractor and cable skidding, with distances up to 1,000 feet. Development work includes opening 3.2 miles of secondary road and 1.2 miles of spur road. Also included will be the construction of several short jammer spurs (0.2 mile). Several Class II streams are located within the sale area.

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SALE NO.	SALE NAME	SUBDIVISION	SECTION	T & R	ACREAGE	APPROXIMATE VOLUME
8	Casey Facey	Pts. Govt. Lot 2, Pts. SWNE	6	38N/5E	500	2,575 M
		Pts. Govt. Lots 3-5, SENW	6	38N/5E		
		Pts. Govt. Lots 6 & 7, Pts. E2SW	6	38N/5E		
		Pts. NWSW, Pts. S2SW	29	38N/5E		
		Pts. S2NE, Pts. N2SE, Pts. SESE	30	38N/5E		
		Pts. NE	31	38N/5E		
		Pts. W2NW, Pts. SE	32	38N/5E		
		Pts. SWNE, Pts. Govt. Lot 2	31	39N/5E		
		Pts. SENW, Pts. Govt. Lots 3 & 4	31	39N/5E		
		Pts. E2SW, Pts. SE	31	39N/5E		

Estimated Auction – Spring 2007.

This sale is divided into four separate units. One unit, located 5 miles northwest of Headquarters, Idaho, will develop a road system in the Casey Creek drainage. The remaining three units, located 4 miles southwest of Headquarters, Idaho, will conduct both a seed tree removal and shelterwood harvest in the Snake Creek drainage. Harvest methods will include tractor and cable skid systems. Approximately 12 miles of new spur road will be constructed and 3.5 miles of existing spur road will be reconstructed. Several Class II streams are present within the sale area.

9	Elk Basin OSR	Pts. Govt. Lot 3, Pts. Govt. Lot 4	4	38N/2E	240	1,240 M
		Pts. S2NW, Pts. N2SW	4	38N/2E		
		Pts. N2SWSW, Pts. SESW	4	38N/2E		
		Pts. E2, Pts. Govt. Lot 1	5	38N/2E		
		Pts. E2SENE, Pts. NENESE	5	38N/2E		

Estimated Auction – Summer 2006.

This sale is located approximately 12 miles north of Orofino, Idaho. This sale will use the salvage silviculture system, and will use both tractor and cable yarding systems. Cable yarding will be required on 30 acres with distances up to 700 feet. Approximately 5.76 miles of existing road will be opened. One Class I and several Class II streams are located on the sale area.

10	Cranberry Bench	Pts. NW	18	38N/3E	53	1,345 M
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Estimated Auction – Summer 2006.

This sale is located 12 miles northeast of Orofino, Idaho. Silvicultural prescriptions include seed tree and a 22 acre clearcut. The sale will require both tractor and cable yarding methods. The cable yarding will cover 22 acres with distances up to 1,100 feet. Development will include approximately 0.57 mile of spur road construction and approximately 0.59 mile of spur road reconstruction and improvement. Cranberry Creek, a Class I stream, flows 650 feet below the sale and an unnamed Class II stream runs adjacent to the north boundary.

Additional small volume sales:

	500	1,165 M
TOTALS:	3,090	27,845 M
		7,500 Cedar Pole

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SALE NO.	SALE NAME	SUBDIVISION	SECTION	T & R	ACREAGE	APPROXIMATE VOLUME
1	Stove Creek	Pts. NE Pts. NW	21 22	41N/1W 41N/1W	209	3,000 M

Estimated Auction – Spring 2007.

This sale is located approximately 4 miles northwest of Bovill, Idaho in the Moose Creek drainage. This sale will harvest mature timber utilizing a shelterwood prescription on three separate units. Both tractor and line skidding methods will be required. Approximately four miles of existing surfaced road will be utilized, and 2.0 miles of unsurfaced spur road will be constructed to harvest this sale. There are two Class I streams adjacent to the sale area, and there are several intermittent Class II streams within the sale area.

2	Lower Falls Creek	Pts. N2NW	24	39N/3E	62	1,800 M
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Estimated Auction – Spring 2007.

This sale is located approximately 8 miles southeast of Elk River, Idaho in the Falls Creek drainage. This entire sale is overmature, decadent trees and will be clearcut (62 acres) except within stream protection zones. The entire sale will require longline line skidding methods. Approximately 6.5 miles of existing secondary and spur road will be reconstructed, and 9 miles of Camp L Co-op road will be used to access this sale. Falls Creek, a Class I stream and two Class II streams are within the sale area. In addition, there are intermittent Class II streams within the sale area.

3	Last Cranberry	Pts. NWNE, Pts. NENW Pts. SE Pts. E2NE, Pts. SWNE Pts. NESW, Pts. SESW Pts. Govt. Lot 4, Pts. SE Pts. W2NW, Pts. NWSW	1 36 31 31 31 32	38N/2E 39N/2E 39N/3E 39N/3E 39N/3E 39N/3E	260	5,300 M
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Estimated Auction – Spring 2007.

This sale is located approximately 6 miles southeast of Elk River, Idaho in the Cranberry Creek drainage. The silvicultural prescription for this sale will be a combination of clearcut and overstory removal with cedar poles reserved. The proposed clearcut unit is approximately 51 acres in size; the remainder of the sale will harvest the sawlog volume while reserving pole-quality cedar for a future pole sale. Both tractor and line skidding methods will be required. In addition to the reconstruction of approximately 3.2 miles of existing spur roads, this sale will require the construction of approximately 0.4 miles of new spur road. Cranberry Creek, a Class I stream, borders parts of this sale on the eastern side, and there are several intermittent Class II streams within the sale area.

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SALE NO.	SALE NAME	SUBDIVISION	SECTION	T & R	ACREAGE	APPROXIMATE VOLUME
4	Lower Bishop	Pts. N2NE, Pts. SENE	36	39N/3E	288	4,800 M
		Pts. SWNESW	30	39N/4E		
		Pts. Govt. Lots 8 & 9	30	39N/4E		
		Pts. W2SESW	30	39N/4E		
		Pts. SWNWNE, Pts. W2SWNE	31	39N/4E		
		Pts. NENW, Pts. Govt. Lot 3	31	39N/4E		
		Pts. Govt. Lot 4	31	39N/4E		
		Pts. SENE, Pts. NESW	31	39N/4E		

Estimated Auction – Summer 2006.

This sale is located approximately 14 miles southeast of Elk River, Idaho in the Bishop Creek drainage. This sale will include an overstory removal on approximately 100 acres, and 188 acres using shelterwood and clearcut silvicultural prescriptions. The Clearcut unit will include approximately 55 acres. Both tractor and line skidding methods will be required. Approximately 0.8 mile of spur road will be constructed and approximately 7.0 miles of spur roads will be opened and improved. There is one (1) Class II stream within the sale area.

5	Bonami Pole	Pts. SESW	9	41N/2W	103	500 M
		Pts. N2NE	19	41N/2W		2,000 Poles
		Pts. NWNW	20	41N/2W		
		Pts. E2NW	29	41N/2W		

Estimated Auction – Fall 2006.

This sale is located approximately 7.5 miles northwest of Deary, Idaho in the Little Sand and Little Bear Creek drainages. This sale will harvest cedar poles and associated sawlogs. Both tractor and line skidding methods will be required. Approximately 0.5 mile of spur road will be constructed and 4.0 miles of spur road will be opened. There are several intermittent Class II streams within the sale area.

6	Upper Brush Creek	Pts. NE, Pts. NESE	11	40N/2W	279	4,500 M
		Pts. NW	11	40N/2W		
		Pts. W2NW, Pts. SWNW	12	40N/2W		
		Pts. SW, Pts. SWSE	12	40N/2W		
		Pts. N2NW	13	40N/2W		

Estimated Auction – Spring 2007.

This sale is located approximately 1 mile northeast of Deary, Idaho in the Brush Creek drainages. The sale will utilize seed tree, shelterwood and clearcut prescriptions. The clearcut will include approximately 95 acres. Tractor skidding methods will be required in all units. Road development for this sale includes approximately 1 mile of new construction, and 1 mile of reconstruction. There are several unnamed intermittent Class II streams within the sale area.

Additional small volume sales:

	500	500 M
TOTALS:	1,701	20,400 M
		2,000 Poles

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### MAGGIE CREEK SUPERVISORY AREA

SALE NO.	SALE NAME	SUBDIVISION	SECTION	T & R	ACREAGE	APPROXIMATE VOLUME
1	East Fork Commercial	Pts. Govt. Lots 3 & 4	4	35N/5E	116	1,700 M
		Pts. S2NW	4	35N/5E		
		Pts. Govt. Lot 1	5	35N/5E		
		Pts. S2NE	5	35N/5E		

Estimated Auction – Spring 2007.

This sale is located approximately 5 miles northeast of Weippe, Idaho in the Heywood Creek drainage. Commercial thin and shelterwood prescriptions will be utilized. A single grip harvester and forwarder will be required in commercial thin units and a feller buncher in the shelterwood unit. Approximately 1.5 miles of spur road construction and 0.5 mile of reconstruction of existing roads to secondary road standards is proposed. Class II intermittent streams are present within the sale area.

2	Grasshopper Ridge	Pts. Govt. Lots 1, 2 & 3	1	35N/4E	137	2,265 M
		Pts. SWNE, Pts. SENW	1	35N/4E		
		Pts. SESW, Pts. SE	36	36N/4E		
		Pts. Govt. Lot 4	31	36N/5E		

Estimated Auction – Summer 2006.

This sale is located approximately 3 miles northeast of Weippe, Idaho in the Grasshopper Creek drainage. One clearcut is planned for this sale consisting of 41 acres. The remaining sale area will receive a seedtree prescription. The entire sale can be tractor skidded. Approximately 1.15 miles of new secondary road and 0.75 mile of new spur road construction is proposed. Intermittent Class II streams are present within the sale area.

3	Ford Contour	Pts. N2SW, Pts. SWSW	5	35N/4E	350	4,000 M
		Pts. Govt. Lots 6 & 7	6	35N/4E		
		Pts. E2SW, Pts. SE	6	35N/4E		

Estimated Auction – Spring 2007.

This sale is located approximately 3 miles northwest of Weippe, Idaho in the Jim Ford Creek drainage. Commercial thin, shelterwood, and sanitation prescriptions will be utilized. Tractor and line skidding methods are required. The entire sale can be logged using existing roads. Class II streams are present within the sale area.

4	Old Maggie Road	Pts. SWNW	13	33N/5E	138	2,000 M
		Pts. NE, Pts. E2NW	14	33N/5E		
		Pts. NESW, Pts. S2SW	14	33N/5E		
		Pts. N2SE	14	33N/5E		

Estimated Auction – Spring 2007.

This sale is located approximately 9 miles northeast of Kooskia, Idaho in the Maggie Creek drainage. Single tree selection, shelterwood, and overstory removal prescriptions will be utilized. Most of the sale area will be tractor skidded, but short-span line skidding will also be required. Approximately 0.5 mile of spur road will be opened, 0.5 mile of spur road reconstructed, 0.6 mile of spur road constructed, and 1.0 mile of spur road will be abandoned. The sale area is adjacent to Maggie Creek, a Class I stream. In addition, Class IIa and Class II streams are present within the sale area.

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### MAGGIE CREEK SUPERVISORY AREA

SALE NO.	SALE NAME	SUBDIVISION	SECTION	T & R	ACREAGE	APPROXIMATE VOLUME
5	4 <sup>th</sup> of July Pulp	Pts. S2SW, Pts. SWSE	8	33N/5E	116	2,125 M
		Pts. NE, Pts. N2NW	17	33N/5E		1,540 M Pulp
		Pts. SENW, Pts. NESW	17	33N/5E		
		Pts. N2SE	17	33N/5E		

Estimated Auction – Fall 2006.

This sale is located approximately 7 miles northeast of Kooskia, Idaho in the Maggie Creek drainage. This sale will utilize clearcut prescriptions on three units. The clearcuts will be 20, 73 and 23 acres in size. This sale will be harvested using tractor systems. There will be approximately 0.41 mile of new spur road construction, 0.66 mile spur road reconstruction, and 1.07 miles of spur road opening associated with this sale. One Class II intermittent stream is present within the sale area.

6	Maggie's Face	Pts. S2NE, Pts. N2SE	8	33N/5E	180	2,000 M
		Pts. SESE	8	33N/5E		
		Pts. W2SW, Pts. SESW	9	33N/5E		
		Pts. W2NE, Pts. SENE	16	33N/5E		
		Pts. NENW, Pts. N2SE	16	33N/5E		
		Pts. SESE	16	33N/5E		

Estimated Auction – Winter 2007.

This sale is located approximately 8 miles northeast of Kooskia, Idaho in the Maggie Creek drainage. A sanitary silvicultural prescription will be utilized. The sale will be harvested using long-line skidding methods with yard distances up to 2,000 feet. There will be approximately 2.84 miles of spur road opening associated with this sale. Maggie Creek, a Class I stream, flows through the entire northern portion of the sale. Numerous Class II intermittent streams are present within the sale area.

7	Lucky 13	Pts. N2NE, Pts. SENE	11	33N/5E	148	5,000 M
		Pts. SWSE	11	33N/5E		
		Pts. SWNW, Pts. NWSW	12	33N/5E		
		Pts. S2SW	12	33N/5E		
		Pts. N2, Pts. N2S2	13	33N/5E		
		Pts. S2SW	13	33N/5E		
		Pts. N2NE, Pts. SENE	14	33N/5E		
		Pts. NESE	14	33N/5E		
		Pts. N2NW	24	33N/5E		

Estimated Auction – Fall 2006.

This sale is located approximately 10 miles northeast of Kooskia, Idaho in the headwaters of Maggie Creek. Seed and clearcut silvicultural prescriptions will be utilized. The clearcut will be 55 acres. Both tractor and line skid methods will be used. Road development will include opening approximately 0.2 mile of spur road, reconstructing approximately 1.8 miles of spur road, and constructing approximately 4.1 miles of spur road. Class I, Class IIa, Class II streams are present within the sale area.

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### MAGGIE CREEK SUPERVISORY AREA

SALE NO.	SALE NAME	SUBDIVISION	SECTION	T & R	ACREAGE	APPROXIMATE VOLUME
8	Phillips Bluffs	Pts. Govt. Lots 2 & 3	13	33N/4E	169	1,115 M
		Pts. SWNE, Pts. NWSE	13	33N/4E		
		Pts. NENW	24	33N/4E		
		Pts. SENW	26	33N/4E		
		Pts. N2SW, Pts. SWSW	26	33N/4E		
		Pts. Govt. Lot 3	18	33N/5E		

Estimated Auction – Fall 2006.

This sale was initially listed on the FY-2004 timber sales plan, but has been moved to the FY-2007 plan because volume targets were met. This sale is located approximately 4 miles northeast of Kooskia, Idaho in the Maggie Creek drainage. Single tree selection and shelterwood prescriptions will be utilized. Tractor, line skidding, and helicopter harvest methods will be used. Approximately 0.75 mile of spur road construction is proposed, and approximately 2.5 miles of existing spur road will be opened. Maggie Creek, a Class I stream, and Class IIa tributaries of Maggie Creek are present within the sale area.

Additional small volume sales:

	200	795 M
TOTALS:	1,554	21,000 M
		1,540 M Pulp

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### CRAIG MOUNTAIN SUPERVISORY AREA

SALE NO.	SALE NAME	SUBDIVISION	SECTION	T & R	ACREAGE	APPROXIMATE VOLUME
1	High Breaks	Pts. S2N2, Pts. S2 Pts. N2NE	1 12	29N/2W 29N/2W	299	3,100 M

Estimated Auction – Summer 2006.

This sale is located approximately 14 miles from Cottonwood, Idaho in the Wolf Creek drainage on the Joseph Plains. This sale will utilize selective harvest, group selection and clearcut silvicultural prescriptions. The clearcut will be 22 acres. Tractor skidding and line skidding will be required. Approximately 1.6 miles of spur road will be constructed, 0.43 mile of spur road reconstructed, and another 3.2 miles of spur road opened.

2	Timber Garden	Pts. SWSW Pts. S2SE Pts. NE, Pts. NESE Pts. NWNE, Pts. NE Pts. NWSW	15 16 21 22 22	29N/2E 29N/2E 29N/2E 29N/2E 29N/2E	277	5,400 M
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Estimated Auction – Fall 2006.

This sale is located between White Bird and Grangeville, Idaho in the Chapman Creek drainage. This is an additional sale added to the sale plan in order to salvage trees damage by insects. The sale is a regeneration harvest cut leaving seed trees and shelterwood throughout the sale area except for 13 acres of clearcut. Tractor and line skidding with intermediate supports will be required. New road construction is estimated at 0.66 mile and reconstruction at 0.65 mile.

Additional small volume sales:

	200	500 M
TOTALS:	776	9,000 M



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### PAYETTE LAKES SUPERVISORY AREA

SALE NO.	SALE NAME	SUBDIVISION	SECTION	T & R	ACREAGE	APPROXIMATE VOLUME
1	Beavertail	Pts. N2NW, Pts. SWNW	3	14N/4E	650	6,000 M
		Pts. W2SW, Pts. NE	3	14N/4E		
		Pts. SWNW, Pts. S2SW	4	14N/4E		
		Pts. NESW, Pts. E2SE	4	14N/4E		
		Pts. E2	5	14N/4E		
		Pts. NWNW	9	14N/4E		
		Pts. SWSW	34	15N/4E		

Estimated Auction – Fall 2006.

This sale is located 5 miles northeast of Cascade, Idaho in the Beaver Creek drainage. Seedtree, shelterwood, group selection, overstory removal and commercial thinning silvicultural prescriptions will be used. Approximately 220 acres will require helicopter yarding; the remainder can be logged with tractors/jammers. Approximately 2 miles of spur road will be opened, about 6 miles of existing spur road will be reconstructed and approximately 2.6 miles of new spur road will be constructed. Class II streams are present on the sale area.

2	West Johnson	Pts. S2N2, Pts. S2	25	17N/3W	310	4,656 M
		Pts. N2NE, Pts. SWNE	36	17N/3W		
		Pts. E2NW	36	17N/3W		

Estimated Auction – Fall 2006.

This sale is located approximately 12 miles northwest of Council, Idaho within the Johnson Creek drainage. This harvest intends to regenerate stands using seed tree and shelterwood cutting regimes. The entire sale area can be logged with ground based equipment. Approximately 0.60 miles of existing spur road will be reconstructed and approximately 1.64 miles of new spur road will be constructed. Several intermittent Class II streams are located within the sale boundary as well as a segment of a Class I stream.

3	Lost Valley	Pts. SWNW, Pts. NWSW	16	19N/1W	395	2,107 M
		Pts. E2SW, Pts. SWSE	16	19N/1W		
		Pts. SWNW, Pts. SW	26	19N/1W		
		Pts. S2SE	26	19N/1W		
		Pts. NE, Pts. E2NW	35	19N/1W		
		Pts. NWNW, Pts. N2SE	35	19N/1W		

Estimated Auction – Summer 2006.

The sale area within section 16 is approximately 5 miles northwest of Tamarack, Idaho. The sale area within sections 26 and 35 is approximately 2 miles west of Tamarack, Idaho. All of the sale area is within the Weiser River drainage. This harvest will involve shelterwood, overstory removal, and clearcutting prescriptions. The clearcut prescription will treat approximately 45 acres. The entire sale area can be logged with ground based equipment (tractor/jammer). Approximately 1.15 miles of new spur road will be constructed. One Class I stream and several Class II streams are located within the sale area.

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## PAYETTE LAKES SUPERVISORY AREA

SALE NO.	SALE NAME	SUBDIVISION	SECTION	T & R	ACREAGE	APPROXIMATE VOLUME
4	Spruced-Up Hat	Pts. SENW, Pts. S2	24	23N/1E	640	6,075 M
		Pts.	25	23N/1E		
		Pts. E2SE	26	23N/1E		
		Pts. E2NE	35	23N/1E		
		Pts. N2NE, Pts. NW	36	23N/1E		

Estimated Auction – Fall 2006.

This sale is located approximately 4 miles northeast of Pinehurst, Idaho in the Denny Creek and Hat Creek drainages. This harvest will involve seed tree and shelterwood prescriptions. Line and tractor and /or jammer logging methods are required. Reconstruction will be accomplished on approximately 5.6 miles of spur road. New road construction will be accomplished on approximately 2.8 miles of spur road. Streams within the sale area are all Class II perennial streams.

5	Scattered Johnson	Pts. Govt. Lots 1 & 2	5	16N/2W	313	4,562 M
		Pts. SWNE	5	16N/2W		
		Pts. Govt. Lots 3 & 4	5	16N/2W		
		Pts. S2NW , Pts. N2SW	5	16N/2W		
		Pts. Govt. Lots 1, 2, 3 & 4	6	16N/2W		
		Pts. S2NE, Pts. S2SW	31	17N/2W		
		Pts. SE	31	17N/2W		
		Pts. SW, Pts. S2SE	32	17N/2W		

Estimated Auction – Summer 2006.

This sale is located approximately 7 miles northwest of Council, Idaho in the Johnson Creek drainage. Overstory removal and shelterwood silvicultural prescriptions will be used. Tractor and/or off road jammer and skyline equipment will be required. Approximately 2.81 miles of existing spur road and 0.71 miles of secondary road will be reconstructed and/or improved. Several Class II intermittent streams are located within the sale area.

Additional small volume sales:

	350	1,600 M
TOTALS:	2,658	25,000 M

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## SOUTHWEST IDAHO SUPERVISORY AREA

SALE NO.	SALE NAME	SUBDIVISION	SECTION	T & R	ACREAGE	APPROXIMATE VOLUME
1	Northwest Passage	Pts.	2	10N/3E	429	7,060 M
		Pts.	3	10N/3E		
		Pts.	10	10N/3E		
		Pts.	11	10N/3E		

Estimated Auction – Summer 2006.

This sale is located approximately 6 miles south of Smiths Ferry, in the North Fork Payette River drainage. Commercial thinning and sanitation harvest are the basic prescriptions for the sale area. Tractor/Jammer yarding and skyline/jammer yarding will be required. The sale will construct 1.1 miles of new secondary road, abandoning a steep portion (0.7 miles) of the Packer John lookout road, and will construct 1.5 miles of new and reconstruct 2.6 miles of existing spur road. Unnecessary spur roads (1.4 miles) will be abandoned. All spur roads will be closed to vehicle travel following harvest. All streams within the sale boundary are Class II or ephemeral.

2	Ophir Two	Pts. S2	24	7N/4E	277	2,105 M
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Estimated Auction – Summer 2006.

This sale is located approximately 2 miles northwest of Centerville. Portions of the sale consist of young sawtimber and will be commercially thinned. Approximately 25 to 30% of the sale has successfully reproduced and an overstory removal will be accomplished with this harvest. The remaining area is ready for a regeneration cut and has been marked as a shelterwood. The sale will be harvested using 100% tractor skidding. Approximately 2.6 miles of existing spur roads will be reconstructed with this sale. All harvest roads will be closed to vehicle travel following harvest. There is one ephemeral Class II stream within the sale area; there are no Class I streams involved.

3	Huckleberry	Pts.	1	10N/3E	114	1,205 M
		Pts.	36	11N/3E		

Estimated Auction – Summer 2006.

This sale is located in Boise and Valley counties, approximately 5 miles south of Smiths Ferry, Idaho, in the Scriver Creek drainage. A combination of overstory removal and seedtree prescriptions will be applied to this stand. The sale will be harvested using 100% tractor skidding. The harvest system will use existing roads, reconstruct approximately 0.5 miles of spur road, and construct approximately 0.25 miles of spur road. All harvest roads will be closed to vehicle travel following harvest. Class II streams are present within the sale area.

Additional small volume sales:

200 630 M

TOTALS: 1,020 11,000 M

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## EASTERN IDAHO SUPERVISORY AREA

SALE NO.	SALE NAME	SUBDIVISION	SECTION	T & R	ACREAGE	APPROXIMATE VOLUME
1	Jacobson	Pts.	35	11S/39E	200	1,400 M
		Pts.	36	11S/39E		
		Pts.	1	12S/39E		
		Pts.	2	12S/39E		
		Pts.	11	12S/39E		

Estimated Auction – Summer 2006.

The sale is located 12 miles east of Downey. Harvest prescription will be a shelterwood with reserve marking. Approximately 5.5 miles of new spur road will be constructed. There are no Class I or Class II streams within the sale boundary.

2	Miner 2	Pts.	16	2S/39E	134	1,095 M
		Pts.	17	2S/39E		
		Pts.	21	2S/39E		
		Pts.	27	2S/39E		
		Pts.	28	2S/39E		

Estimated Auction – Spring 2007.

The sale is located 20 miles southeast of Idaho Falls. Harvest prescription will be a shelterwood with reserve marking. Approximately 1.5 miles of new spur road will be constructed. There are no Class I or Class II streams within the sale boundary.

3	Targhee	Pts.	36	16N/43E	190	1,000 M
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Estimated Auction – Summer 2006.

The sale is located 18 miles northeast of Island Park near Henry's Lake. Harvest prescription will be a shelterwood with reserve marking. This is an additional sale added to the sale plan in order to salvage dead and dying trees damaged by insects and disease. Approximately 1.5 miles of new spur road will be constructed and a bridge will be improved. There are no Class I or Class II streams within the sale boundary.

Additional small volume sales:

150 675 M

TOTALS: 674 4,170 M

FY-2007  
ROAD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Area	New Construction			Reconstruction/Improvement			Surfacing	Abandon
	(miles)			(miles)			(miles)	(miles)
	Main	Secondary	Spur	Main	Secondary	Spur		
Priest Lake	0.1		5.0		2.0	26.5		
Kootenai Valley							0.5	
Pend Oreille				13.5	6.5	16.2		
Mica			9.5			4.5		
Cataldo		2.3	3.0			2.0		
St. Joe		26.3	0.4	7.2	41.5	0.3	8.2	
Ponderosa			4.7		3.5	7.2		
Clearwater		2.1	18.0		2.7	6.2		
Maggie Creek		1.2	8.2		0.5	3.0		1
Craig Mountain			2.3			1.1		
Payette Lakes			8.5		0.7	15.0		
Southwestern	1.1		1.8			5.7		0.7
Eastern Idaho			8.5					
TOTALS	1.2	31.9	69.9	20.7	57.4	87.7	8.7	1.7

Estimated Costs

New Construction

Main	1.2 miles @	\$ 25,000.00	per mile =	30,000.00
Secondary	31.9 miles @	\$ 20,350.00	per mile =	\$ 649,165.00
Spur	69.9 miles @	\$ 16,500.00	per mile =	\$ 1,153,350.00

Reconstruction

Main	20.7 miles @	\$ 10,200.00	per mile =	\$ 211,140.00
Secondary	57.4 miles @	\$ 8,250.00	per mile =	\$ 473,550.00
Spur	87.7 miles @	\$ 6,600.00	per mile =	\$ 578,820.00

Surfacing

8.7 miles @	\$ 24,400.00	per mile =	<u>\$ 212,280.00</u>
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Abandon

1.7 miles @	\$ 4,500.00	per mile =	<u>\$ 7,650.00</u>
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<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>\$ 3,315,955.00</b>
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May 1, 2006

Members of Forest Products Industry  
Prospective Purchasers  
Other Interested Parties

It is our pleasure to provide you with a listing of timber sales in your area that the State of Idaho may offer at public auction during the period July 1, 2006, to June 30, 2007.

The TIMBER SUPPLY STABILIZATION ACT, Idaho Code, Title 58, Chapter 10, requires that each bidder be a "Qualified Bidder" on all sales offered except the Stove Creek sale on the Ponderosa Supervisory Area, the Cranberry Bench sale on the Clearwater Supervisory Area and the East Fork Commercial sale on the Maggie Creek Supervisory Area. On March 12, 2002, the State Board of Land Commissioners adopted a policy suspending the "qualified bidder" requirement on all endowment land timber sales (except cedar pole sales) south of the Salmon River and north of the St. Joe River.

The indicated volumes for the following supervisory areas are approximations and may change upon more detailed examination and sale preparation.

Area	Sawlogs (MBF)	Cedar Poles (Pcs)	Pulp (MBF)	Cedar Products (MBF)
Priest Lake	17,000			
Kootenai Valley	6,600	2,000		
Pend Oreille Lake	13,000			
Mica	5,000			
Cataldo	9,000			
St. Joe	40,300	8,500		1,260
Ponderosa	20,600	2,000		
Clearwater	27,500	7,500		
Maggie Creek	21,000		1,540	
Craig Mountain	9,000			
Payette Lakes	25,000			
Southwest	11,000			
Eastern Idaho	4,000			
<b>Totals</b>	<b>209,000</b>	<b>20,000</b>	<b>1,540</b>	<b>1,260</b>

Should you need additional copies of these plans or wish more detailed information on any particular sale, please feel free to contact your nearest Idaho Department of Lands office.

Sincerely,

WINSTON A WIGGINS  
Director

May 1, 2006

Steve Huffaker, Director  
Idaho Department of Fish & Game  
600 S. Walnut  
P. O. Box 25  
Boise, ID 83707

Dear Steve:

Attached for your review is a copy of the Department of Lands Timber Sales Plan for FY-2007.

Field personnel from our two agencies meet regularly to discuss individual proposals in the plan. Please advise me if you have any comments. Thank you.

Sincerely,

WINSTON A WIGGINS  
Director

Attachment

May 1, 2006

Karl J. Dreher, Director  
Idaho Department of Water Resources  
1301 N. Orchard Street  
Boise, ID 83706-2237

Dear Karl:

In accordance with Section 58-404, IC, attached are copies of the Department of Lands Timber Sales Plan for FY-2007 to be distributed to your regional offices.

Please advise whether, from the standpoint of water conservation, you have any objections to the timber being sold as proposed. All work will be completed in accordance with the Idaho Forest Practices Act, and our Memorandum of Understanding dated July 9, 2002. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

WINSTON A WIGGINS  
Director

Attachment



May 1, 2006

Steve Guerber, Director  
Idaho State Historical Society  
1109 Main Street, Suite 250  
Boise, ID 83702-5642

Dear Steve:

Attached for your review is a copy of the Department of Lands Timber Sales Plan for FY-2007.

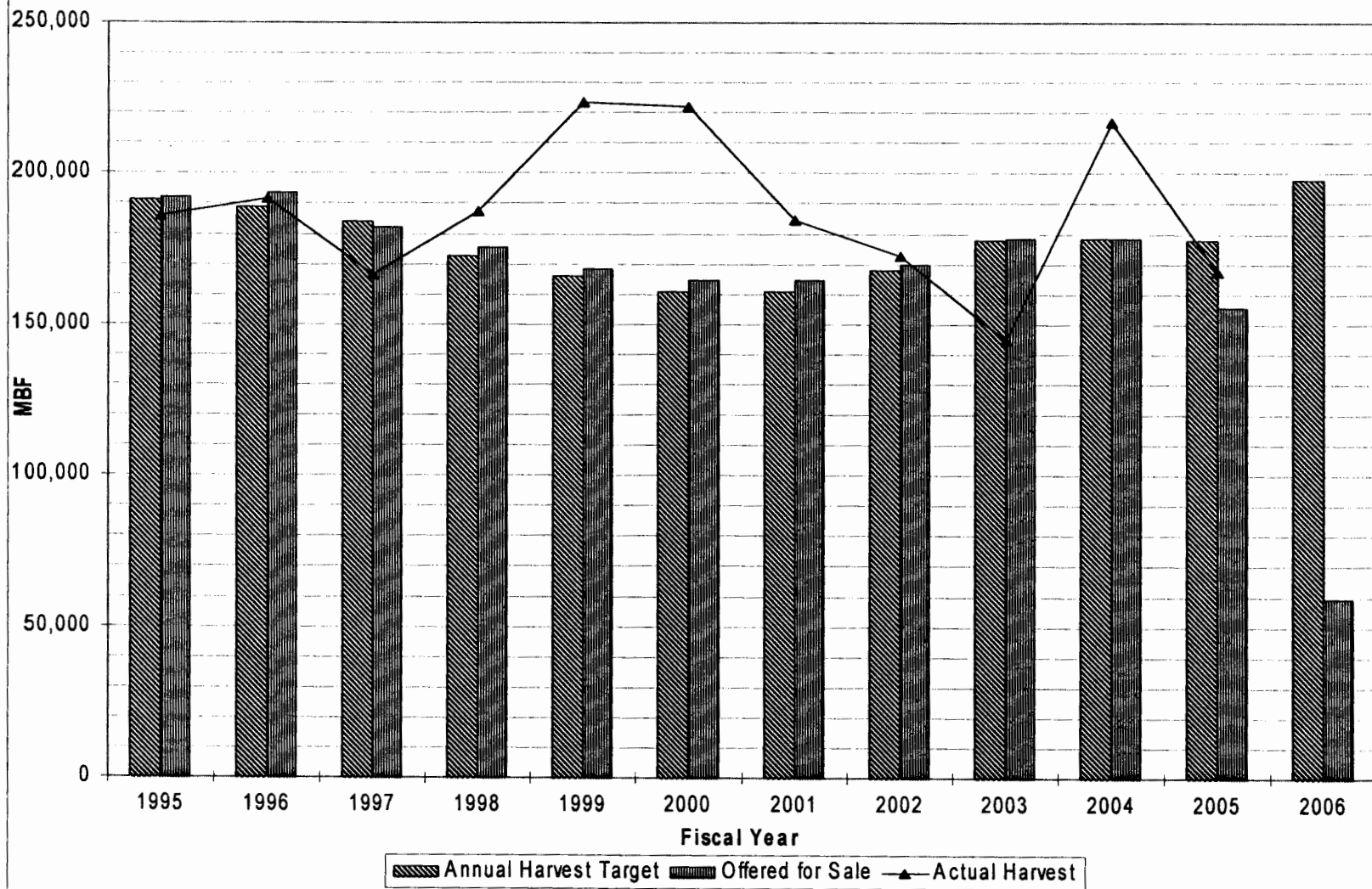
Our timber sales staff has already notified your office of the location of these sales during the public advertisement and review process. Please advise us if any of these locations will affect any archaeological sites. Thank you.

Sincerely,

WINSTON A WIGGINS  
Director

Attachment

**Annual Sale Plan Levels**



**SELKIRK**



**CONSERVATION ALLIANCE**

PO Box 1809  
Priest River, ID. 83856  
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**August 15, 2005  
Comments on FY 07 Timber Sales,  
Priest Lake State Forest, Idaho Department of Lands.**

**Dear Mick Schanilec:**

Please consider implementation of these suggestions for the FY 07 Timber Sales. The comments are divided into two parts: a general section and a sale specific section. We firmly believe that doing cumulative effects analysis will result in a better timber sale and will reduce costs in the long term by minimizing controversy and litigation. Please note that the general comments also apply to any sales on the Forest that have not been mentioned or have name changes. Contact Mark Sprengel, Executive Director or myself if you have any questions or would like to visit the sale areas with us.

**1. For all Sales on the Priest Lake State Forest.**

**Complete Credible and Predictive Watershed Analysis:**

Please prepare a detailed Watershed Analysis that predicts the effects of future (06-7) timber sales to the watersheds encompassing the sale areas and utilize current vegetation and road and stream condition information.

**Threatened and Endangered Species:**

**Grizzly Bear:**

For any non-denning season sale in the Grizzly Bear Recovery Zone, please complete a detailed cumulative effects analysis showing Core, Open and Total Road Densities using NCDE standards as a minimum. We also request that IDL consult with the US Fish and Wildlife Service for all proposed sales in the recovery area.

Due to the devastating effects of roads to wildlife and watershed, we do not support any additional road construction on the forest and especially in the recovery zone and encourage IDL to continue to obliterate roads whenever possible.

**Mountain Caribou:**

Please defer all timber sales located in the caribou recovery zone until the HCP is complete and the research report on caribou by Trevor Kinley is made available to the public and consider implementing enforceable area closures to snowmobile use in winter habitats.

**Bull Trout:**

Please complete a detailed cumulative effects analysis for bull trout for all watersheds that have this species either currently or historically on the forest. We request that consultation with the USFWS be initiated and that sales in critical Bull Trout watersheds such as the East River be deferred until the completion of the HCP.

**Bull Trout-INFISH**

We also request in addition to a cumulative effects analysis that IDL adopt INFISH buffers and guidelines to all streams on the Forest.

**Canada Lynx:**

Please complete a detailed cumulative effects analysis for all timber sales in potential or occupied Lynx habitat. Priest Lake State forest has several records of Canada Lynx and serves as important habitat connecting LAU's (Lynx Analysis Units) on the Priest Lake, Bonners Ferry and Sandpoint Ranger Districts. As with all Threatened and Endangered Species please consult with the USFWS.

**Bald Eagle:**

Map and identify potential nesting, feeding and roosting habitats for all sales discussed and manage for maintenance and improvement of these areas. Please consult with the USFWS on this species.

**Old Growth:**

Please defer logging any old growth stands on the forest. SCA encourages dialog and action to begin a program of restoring historic patterns and processes to lower elevation old growth ponderosa pine and Douglas fir stands [introduce fire]. We also encourage IDL to work on getting funding to help restore stands of whitebark pine that are being lost to white pine blister rust, mountain pine beetle, succession and the absence of fire.

**Idaho State Species of Special Concern  
Animals and Fish**

Please complete detailed inventories of animals and fish which are listed by Idaho CDC as being of special concern. If a CDC species would be impacted by a sale activity we request that suitable habitat guidelines be retained and implemented to help maintain or increase population levels over time.

**Plants and Lichens:**

Please complete detailed inventories of plants which are listed by Idaho CDC as plants of special concern. If a CDC species would be impacted by a sale activity we request that suitable habitat guidelines be retained and implemented to help maintain or increase population levels over time.

**Wetlands:**

In addition to completing inventories for plant and animal species of concern, please follow INFISH guidelines and leave a no-log buffer with widths recommended by INFISH. Consider management activities that would increase beaver populations in the lower gradient portions of streams.

**Geographic Information Systems:**

Please make GIS information that is used for cumulative effects analysis for these sales available to the public on the IDL website.

**2. Sale Specific Comments:****Caribou Chop**

This sale area was visited on the ground on August 8, 2005. The sales are in the Grizzly Bear Recovery Area, Caribou Creek provides spawning habitat for Bull Trout and Westslope Cutthroat Trout, although out of the caribou recovery zones. The area has been used by caribou in the recent past. There are also patches of old trees in Caribou Chop which may provide lynx denning habitat. Black Bear, Moose and Pileated Woodpecker signs were noted. We request that the sale be winter logged, unless a detailed grizzly bear cumulative effects analysis and consultation with the USFWS indicates that non-denning season activity would be tolerated. We request that there be no road construction into the area, and no entry into the riparian areas of Caribou and or Bugle Creeks. There was a spring noted on the toeslope to Bugle Creek in the Caribou Chop sale area which was still pooling in early August.

The lower slopes and riparian area provide suitable Northern Goshawk nesting habitat, and may provide good habitat for some plant species of concern. Please complete a detailed survey and habitat analysis for this species.

**Bugle OSR**

This proposed sale is in the same drainage as Caribou Chop and some proposed 06 timber sales. We request that removal of the remaining overstory trees be deferred until a comprehensive watershed analysis is completed and consultation with the USFWS indicates that the activity will not result in the "take" of protected species.

**Lion Park:**

This area is near Lion's Head Campground, please be sensitive to the visual effects of logging in this area. Both of the sale areas provide goshawk habitat. Please conduct a nest search and a cumulative effects analysis for this species. If any dry site old growth restoration options exist, this would be a good place to showcase what IDL can accomplish through restoration activities.

**Upper Wolf Track:**

The upper portion of this sale is within the Caribou recovery zone. Please defer any activity in this area until the report by Trevor Kinley on Caribou is released and the Priest Lake State Forest HCP is completed. For grizzly bear, consider obliterating the road system through this unit which allows access to the high ridge to the north and east of the sale area (saddle between the South Fork Lion Creek and Two Mouth Creek).

**Bear Deuce, Camp 2, Cougar Hunt and Fenton Creek OSR:**

Please complete a quantitative winter range analysis for species likely to inhabit these areas during the winter. Consider closure to motorized and nonmotorized winter activities for areas of high ungulate use. Consider Bald Eagle habitats where appropriate.

**Horton Hunt Divide:**

There is a wetland in the area and a recent Canada Lynx sighting. The area may provide suitable lynx denning habitat. Please conduct a detailed habitat analysis for this species. Follow INFISH guidelines for any activities around the wetland.

**Race Wallow:**

Please defer this sale indefinitely in the North Fork East River drainage because of potential damage to Bull Trout redds in the North Fork. In addition the sale would impact high elevation spruce-fir habitats which provide habitat for Lynx, Wolverine, and future habitat for Caribou which may wander south of the recovery area. Roads and skid trails will allow increased snowmobile access into this headwater area. The headwalls and talus slopes surrounding this sale area may also provide denning habitat for wolverines and grizzly bear outside of the recovery area.

**Uleda Point OSR:**


The sale area is above active bull trout spawning areas in Uleda Creek and the Middle Fork. The Middle Fork East River drainage is in poor condition hydrologically from past management activities, and at high risk for unraveling during the next heavy snow year or rain on snow event. Please defer this sale indefinitely to give the watershed a chance to recover.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Again, please feel free to contact Mark or myself for additional clarification of comments.

Sincerely,

Paul Sieracki

s/s



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RE: Draft Proposed FY 2007 Timber Sales Plan

Dear Sirs,

The following comments on the Draft FY 2007 Timber Sales Plan are submitted on behalf of the Selkirk Conservation Alliance (SCA). SCA is a non-profit public interest conservation organization, headquartered in Priest River. SCA and its members have a vital interest in how the forests on state lands in northern Idaho are managed. SCA's members frequently recreate on state lands and value the diversity of native wildlife and fish that inhabit the state lands, particularly rare and endangered wildlife such as caribou, grizzly bear and bull trout. They also treasure the pristine beauty of the forests and streams that have not been overly "managed" for timber extraction.

#### **I. Priest Lake Supervisory Area Draft Timber Sale Plans**

1 **Bugle OSR:** The draft proposal calls for an overstory removal of 700 MBF from 250 acres in the Caribou Creek drainage. Approximately 7.5 miles of secondary and spur roads will be reconstructed and improved, presumably to aid in the hauling of logs. Bugle Creek, a class I stream, is "adjacent to the sale area." The sale area is entirely within the State's portion of the Selkirk Grizzly Bear Recovery Zone.

There is a possibility that bull trout are present in Bugle Creek. Without more detail, it is of course impossible to discern what the potential impacts of the sale on bull trout and other native fish and the habitat provided by Bugle Creek might be. However, it would be prudent and certainly more protective of the native fish if IDL would incorporate the 300 foot stream buffers adopted and applied by the Forest Service pursuant to INFISH, rather than rely on the minimal stream protection zones mandated by the Idaho Forest Practices Act (FPA).

In order to avoid "take," which is prohibited under the Endangered Species Act, the State must apply the more conservative INFISH standards when logging adjacent to streams where bull trout are known or suspected to be present. Please also note that INFISH was found to be inadequate to ensure the long term viability and recovery of bull trout by a federal court. The judge ruled that INFISH was satisfactory only as an interim protection measure, to be applied while the Forest devised more protective permanent standards.

While this particular sale does not call for any new road construction, the 7.5 miles of road reconstruction and improvement has the potential for impacting existing grizzly bear habitat use and security. While we realize that the State's policy has been to basically ignore the impacts of its management on listed species, IDL is in fact vulnerable under section 9 of the Endangered Species Act. It is illegal for the State to "take," i.e., harm listed species without an Incidental Take Statement. High road densities (both open and total) and a lack of large, secure areas that are free from roads and human intrusion result in the taking of grizzly bears. This sale will increase motorized use of the sale area roads which will result in harm to bears.

Take also occurs when bears are displaced from preferred habitat by motorized use and other human and machine intrusion during timber sale activities. Take occurs when secure areas fall below certain levels and when total and open road densities exceed certain levels according to the US Fish and Wildlife Service. Are the roads that will be utilized to access and haul timber normally closed? How effective are the closures? Are they gates? How many miles of closed roads will be opened for this sale and for how long? IDL should consider obliterating some roads to reduce the high road densities in grizzly bear habitat.

Furthermore, Bugle OSR is in or adjacent to the Caribou Recovery Area. Removing the overstory trees will adversely affect caribou and their habitat. In fact no logging should occur in the Caribou Recovery Area in order to maintain and restore caribou habitat.

**2 Caribou Chop:** The draft proposal calls for logging 2,750 MBF from 500 acres in the Caribou and Bugle creek drainages. The sale area is entirely within the State's portion of the Selkirk Grizzly Bear Recovery Zone. Our comments on Bugle OSR (above), regarding protection of native fish, including bull trout, and habitat and security for wildlife, including the grizzly, apply to this sale as well. In addition the helicopter logging planned for this sale has the potential for 'taking' of grizzly bears by displacing them from preferred or security habitat if it occurs during the non-denning seasons. Caribou Chop is also in or near the Caribou Recovery Area. The even-aged timber management (shelterwood) will adversely affect caribou and their habitat.

**3 Lion Park:** This proposed timber sale calls for logging 1500 MBF from 150 acres in the Lion Creek drainage and the sale area is also adjacent to Caribou Creek. Treatments include "seedtree, shelterwood, overstory removal and large group selection." Approximately 0.5 miles of spur road will be constructed, 1 mile of spur road will be reconstructed and 7 miles of main road will be improved.

Our comments above apply to this sale as well, with the additional comment that bull trout are known to be present in Lion creek. The sale also has the potential to adversely affect bull trout that use lower end of Indian Creek and Priest Lake. Therefore extreme measures should be taken to avoid impacting salmonid habitat components due to increases in sediment deposition and/or increased peak flows that could further destabilize the stream channel and destroy important spawning and pool habitat. The logging prescriptions call for even-aged management which creates openings. Creating openings is known to increase the frequency and magnitude of instantaneous peak flows during mid-winter and



spring flood events. These events are the major cause of stream channel instability and changes in channel morphology which adversely affect bull trout and other native fish.

The sale area is entirely within the State's portion of the Selkirk Grizzly Bear Recovery Zone. The proposed road construction will increase the total road density in the State Lands portion of the Grizzly Bear Recovery Area, increasing the potential for 'taking' of bears. The proposal calls for closing the 0.5 miles of new road construction and 1 mile of spur road reconstruction when the sale is completed. IDL must consider the potential for impacts to grizzlies while the sale is active and the roads are being used.

In fact, the 1.5 miles of spur road constructed and reconstructed should be obliterated or effectively barricaded in order to avoid long term impacts to grizzly bears and to reduce sediment delivery from roads to bull trout streams.

**4 Upper Wolf Tract.** This proposed sale is located in Two Mouth Creek and calls for logging 600 MBF from 300 acres. Two Mouth Creek is also known to be inhabited by bull trout, therefore our comments regarding the need to protect bull trout habitat for the Bugle OSR and Lion Park sales apply. Upper Wolf Tract also calls for even-aged management, including four clearcuts, 10 to 30 acres each. Therefore our concerns regarding increased peak flows which cause channel instability and degrade fish habitat apply to this sale. We are also concerned about lack of sufficient buffers to protect bull trout in Two Mouth Creek.

The Upper Wolf Tract sale area is entirely within the State's portion of the Selkirk Grizzly Bear Recovery Zone and is in or near the Caribou Recovery Area. Therefore our comments regarding potential impacts on grizzly bears apply to this sale as well. As stated above, IDL should avoid logging in the Caribou Recovery Area, and make sure to obliterate or effectively barricade roads that are reconstructed to access the timber sale.

**5 Bear Deuce.** This sale proposal calls for logging 1000 MBF from 200 acres in the Bear Creek drainage. It also calls for constructing 0.5 miles of spur road. Again we have concerns and impacts to fish habitat and water quality (see above) as a result of the proposed action.

**5. Horton Hunt Divide.** This proposed sale is located in the Horton and Hunt Creek drainages and calls for even-aged logging of 3000 MBF from 300 acres. It also calls for constructing 1.5 miles of spur road and reconstructing 2 miles of spur road and 3.5 miles of road are planned to be closed after the logging is completed. Closing new roads does not mitigate for increasing the road density by building them. Although the units are located outside the boundaries of the Recovery Zone, potential for take of grizzlies will be increased, especially while the sale is active.

**Cougar Hunt.** This sale proposal calls for logging 2750 MBF from 712 acres in the Cougar Creek drainage using even-aged management prescriptions. About 10 miles of new spur road will be constructed and several miles will be reconstructed. A portion of the sale is within the boundaries of the Grizzly Recovery Zone and another portion is within the

area adjacent to the Recovery Zone that has been determined to be occupied by grizzly bears. All of our concerns regarding impacts and 'taking' of grizzlies and impacts to native fish habitat and caribou apply here as well. The proposal states that "existing gates will be closed after completion of harvest activities" This raises an important question, which applies to all of these proposed timber sales: how many miles of road will be opened for the proposed sales within the State Lands portion of the Grizzly Bear Recovery Area?

**8 Fenton Creek OSR.** This proposed sale is located in the Fenton and Cougar Creek drainages and calls for overstory removal (even-aged logging) of 1000 MBF from 265 acres. There is also 3 miles of road improvement and reconstruction. Our concerns regarding impacts to water quality and native fish apply to this sale as well.

**9 Housing Interface.** This sale is located near Coolin (stretching 7 miles north and 2.5 miles south) Its purpose is to reduce fire hazards and vulnerability to insects and disease in the rural residential area. Class I and II streams are within the sale area. Care should be taken to avoid the impacts (discussed above) to water quality and fish habitat.

**10 Race Willow.** This sale proposal calls for logging 2000 MBF from 830 acres in the Race Creek drainage. Checking the locations provided in the Draft Proposed Timber Sales Plan indicates that some portion of the sale will also be in Junta Creek and the NF of the East River. Race Creek and Junta are tributaries to the NF East River. Bull trout are likely present in the NF East River. This sale is also within the area outside the Recovery Zone determined by the Forest Service to be occupied by grizzly bears. The sale plan calls for 1.5 miles of new road construction. Therefore, our concerns (expressed above) regarding potential impacts to bull trout and grizzly bears apply to this sale.

**11 Uleda Point.** This proposed sale calls for logging 850 MBF from 175 acres in the Uleda Creek drainage. Uleda Creek is a tributary to the Middle Fork East River which is perhaps the most unique bull trout sub-population in the Columbia River system. It is at extreme risk of extinction due to excessive past and proposed logging in this watershed. Uleda Creek at its junction with the Middle Fork is the major spawning area for bull trout in that system.

In fact, Uleda Creek provides some of the best spawning habitat for the East River bull trout population. The FPA riparian buffers applied by IDL are not sufficient to protect the fish and their spawning grounds in this steep country. Furthermore, adding more drivable roads in this already heavily roaded watershed is another problem for bull trout.

## **II. Kootenai Valley Supervisory Area Draft Proposed Sales Plan**

**1 Beaver Dam.** This proposed sale calls for logging 3300 MBF from 322 acres in the upper Trail Creek drainage southeast of Naples. The sale is located in the Grouse Bear Management Unit, BMU 19, in the Cabinet-Yaak Grizzly Bear Recovery Zone. Open and total road densities in BMU 19 exceed standards adopted by the Forest Service in the Cabinet Yaak and Selkirk Recovery Zones. It also fails to meet the required minimum standard for secure core habitat in the Forest Plan amendment that adopted access

management standards for the two grizzly bear recovery zones. The Forest Service concluded that minimum standards were unobtainable in BMU 19 due to mixed ownership in the BMU. It is up to the other landowners (state and private industrial timber lands) to maintain access, road building and timber sale activity at levels that will aid in the recovery of grizzly bears in BMU 19.

Rather than do its part to improve conditions for bears in this substandard BMU, IDL is proposing a large timber sale that includes helicopter logging and (one assumes) increased motorized access for the duration of the sale. Our comments above regarding the impacts of high road densities and inadequate secure habitat on grizzly bears apply to this sale as well.

**2. Hello Ducky.** This proposed sale calls for logging 3000 MBF from 380 acres in lower Deep Creek west of Bonners Ferry using shelterwood, seedtree and clearcut prescriptions. Section 36 is immediately adjacent to the Kootenai National Wildlife Refuge. Is there potential for IDL's logging and road work to adversely impact the Refuge?

**3. East Purcell Poles.** no comment

### **III. Pend Oreille Supervisory Area Draft Proposed Sales Plan**

**1. First Guide.** no comment

**2, 3, 6, 7. Little Pine, Prater West, Saddler, Koch Creek Bugs:** These proposed sales are all located in 57N/4W which is located about 4 miles upstream from the mouth of Priest River. The combined sales call for logging a total of 8200 MBF from 1075 acres.

The amount of logging and type of harvest proposed carries with it a high risk of degrading affected streams (Little Pine, Prater, Blue, Saddler, Big and Koch Creeks), all of which flow into lower Priest River. Bull trout are present in Priest River and may be present in these tributaries. The harvest planned is generally even-aged management and will create openings in the canopy that may adversely affect the hydrological stability of the streams. Special measures should be taken to avoid sediment delivery from roads and INFISH riparian buffers should be applied to protect the tributaries (See comments above regarding protection of bull trout habitat). The Prater Mountain area has a high road density, therefore it likely has been heavily impacted by past logging. IDL should consider restoration (removing roads) before proceeding with further logging in the area.

**4. Trout Hole:** The proposal calls for removing 2000 MBF from 160 acres. The sale is in a state lands parcel that is adjacent to the lower Pack River. Bull Trout are present in the Pack River. Both the Pack River and the class 2 streams mentioned in the description should be protected with appropriate INFISH buffers in order to prevent impacts to the tributaries and the river while the timber is being extracted.

**5. Boat Club.** This sale is located in a partial section that is owned by the State 2 miles west of Springy Point on the shore of the Pend Oreille River. The proposal calls for logging 1000 MBF from 200 acres. No logging should occur within 300 feet of the river.

bank and the class 2 streams that are present should also have appropriately large buffers in order to protect water quality. The Pend Oreille River is impaired by temperature and sediment according to the EPA approved 303(d) list

8 Swiper Salvage: The location given for this sale - sec. 31, 58N/4W - appears to be a section of Forest Service land.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Liz Sedler", written in a cursive style.

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**RE: Idaho Conservation League Comments Regarding IDL Annual Proposed Timber Sales Plan for Fiscal Year 2007**

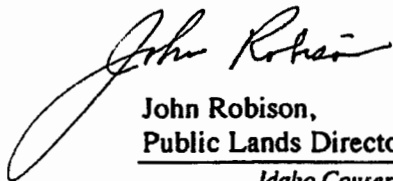
Dear Beth Rheinschmidt,

Thank you for considering our comments on the IDL Annual Proposed Timber Sales Plan for Fiscal Year 2007. For thirty years, the Idaho Conservation League has worked to protect Idaho's clean water, wilderness, and quality of life through citizen action, public education, and professional advocacy. For more information or to become a member, visit [www.wildidaho.org](http://www.wildidaho.org). As Idaho's largest state-based conservation organization we represent over 9,000 members, many of whom have a deep personal interest in ensuring that timber harvesting operations are conducted in a sustainable manner that protects our water, wildlands, and wildlife.

On many of the State of Idaho Endowment Lands, high road densities exist. These roads present the potential for increased erosion, sediment delivery, and degradation of fish and wildlife habitat. In particular, we are concerned about detrimental impacts as a result of these roads to threatened bull trout and endangered grizzly bears and woodland caribou on the Priest Lake State Forest. In none of the proposed sales does IDL discuss decommissioning roads and restoring them to their natural condition to protect fish and wildlife, nor does IDL discuss mitigation measures for harvesting timber in woodland caribou recovery zones or grizzly BMUs. Additionally, stream protection zones required under the Forest Practices Act have often proven inadequate to protect spawning and rearing habitat for bull trout.

Once again we thank you for the opportunity to submit comments on the IDL Annual Proposed Timber Sales Plan for Fiscal Year 2007. Please send us any subsequent documents for this project. We look forward to continuing to work with the Idaho Department of Lands on this project and others in the future.

Sincerely,



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**Idaho Conservation League Comments Regarding IDL Annual Proposed Timber Sales Plan for Fiscal Year 2007**

**General Comments Regarding All Timber Sales**

Although the purpose of the state endowment lands is to return revenue to the state for the education budget, we are concerned that some of the proposed timber sales unnecessarily sacrifice environmental quality in the name of revenue generation. In many cases these concerns could be addressed or mitigated, while still returning revenue to the state to fund education. Additionally, we are concerned the Forest Practices Act is not adequately being observed when implementing timber harvest operations on state lands. This act is intended not only to protect habitat and water quality but also to maintain forest productivity, which is essential if timber harvest is to reoccur on these sites in the future.

The Idaho Department of Lands has constructed so many roads on many of the endowment lands that the high road densities are compromising wildlife habitat, water quality, and spawning and rearing habitat for salmonids including threatened bull trout. For example, high road densities and poor road management in the Indian Creek Drainage on the Priest Lake State Forest has resulted in mudslides and mass failures, impairing water quality through sediment delivery. Such problems are not limited to the Indian Creek Watershed. If IDL were to consolidate access roads, more actively enforce road closures, and decommission redundant or poorly-located roads, the department could actually decrease effective road densities. Additionally, the proposed timber sales do not include restoration plans to decommission, obliterate, recontour, and restore vegetation on old road prisms to restore and protect habitat and water quality.

Another significant problem arising from the high road densities is that these roads present the potential for the current proliferation of OHV use resulting in cross-country travel and user-created routes, which threaten not only habitat and water quality but also forest productivity. OHVs may introduce noxious weeds and increase the potential for human-caused forest fires, which could wipe out thousands of acres on the endowment lands, effectively reducing standing timber volume. IDL should decommission as many roads as possible and utilize effect road closure methods on roads that must remain for management purposes.

The Forest Practices Act requires "stream protection zones" of 30 ft and 74 ft for class I and class II streams respectively. We feel that the 150 ft and 300 ft buffers used by the U.S. Forest Service for intermittent and perennial streams respectively, more adequately protect water quality, municipal water supplies, and spawning and rearing habitat for salmonids. Although IDL is not required to utilize Forest Service standards, the use of these standards by the department would signal a good faith effort to protect water resources and fish.

**On the Priest Lake State Forest, we are particularly concerned about proposed timber sales in grizzly bear recovery zones and the woodland caribou recovery zone. Specific**

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instance in the fiscal year 2007 timber sales plan are addressed *ad hoc*, in the comments for each sale below. IDL should avoid harvesting timber in these zones to protect these species.

To the extent possible, IDL should utilize helicopter logging and skyline yarding over ground-based harvest and cable yarding systems. We understand that utilizing more environmentally sensitive methods may reduce the amount of revenue generation and sometimes the feasibility of a timber sale, however, in some sales we feel that helicopter and skyline yarding systems would be a good compromise to reduce road construction and ground disturbance to protect the environment.

Increasingly Idaho residents are also utilizing endowment lands for recreational purposes. The Priest Lake State Forest is a popular recreational destination for many of our members. Hunt Lake, Chimney Rock, Two Mouth Lakes and many other attractions serve as popular recreational destinations, and are regularly affected by IDL timber sales on the forest. We appreciate the access that roads to these areas provide, but fear that too many roads and unsustainable harvests will detract from the very features that make these places special. The 2007 Timber Sales program should be adjusted to reduce road densities in these areas.

#### **Bugle OSR Timber Sale**

The Bugle timber sale is concerning because of its proximity to the woodland caribou recovery zone and its location within a grizzly bear management unit (BMU). Removal of overstory trees will be detrimental to caribou and the 7.5 miles of road construction will negatively impact grizzly bears. This timber harvest should utilize road obliteration to restore and improve habitat and prevent OHV use. In the event that roads remain in the unit, effective barricades should be used to prevent road use.

#### **Caribou Chop Timber Sale**

The use of helicopter logging in this unit is encouraging since this yarding method will reduce the environmental impacts of this sale. However, we remain concerned about impacts to grizzly bears and woodland caribou in light of the fact that this unit is adjacent to the Bugle OSR timber sale. We also appreciate the fact that there will be no new road construction accompanying this sale, but feel that the cumulative impacts in this area pose an unacceptable risk as presented.

#### **Lion Park**

This timber sale also presents a concern with regard to grizzly bears because it is also located in a grizzly BMU. The 1.5 miles of road to be constructed or reconstructed should be obliterated and restored to a natural condition following the completion of the sale to protect grizzly bears. IDL should also avoid timber harvest within close proximity to Caribou and Lion Creeks since these creeks provide spawning and rearing habitat for bull trout. Sediment delivery into these streams could be detrimental to their spawning and rearing habitat in these streams.



### **Upper Wolf Tract**

The Upper Wolf Tract timber sale is adjacent to Two Mouth Creek, which is also important habitat for threatened bull trout. IDL should utilize adequate stream buffers to prevent sediment delivery into Two Mouth Creek. It appears that this unit may also be in the woodland caribou recovery zone and a grizzly BMU. IDL should avoid using clearcuts that provide security and habitat for these wildlife species. IDL should obliterate the 1.5 miles of spur road following the sale to protect these species or at least utilize effective road closure methods such as gates or barricades.

### **Bear Deuce Timber Sale**

IDL should decommission and obliterate the 0.5 miles of new spur road to be constructed as part of this sale following the completion of this sale. This will help to prevent increased road densities on the forest and to protect fish and wildlife habitat as well as general environmental quality.

### **Horton Divide Timber Sale**

This sale also appears to be in a woodland caribou recovery zone and a grizzly BMU. We encourage that IDL will be rerouting 0.1 miles of the main road to improve fish passage, but we are concerned with the amount of road construction and reconstruction required for this project. We encourage IDL to decommission the 3.5 miles of road to be constructed or reconstructed as part of this project, echoing our concerns regarding the impact that high road densities have on fish, wildlife, and environmental quality.

### **Cougar Hunt Timber Sale**

This timber sale is also near a woodland caribou recovery zone and a grizzly BMU. To limit impacts to these species, IDL should avoid overstory timber removal to prevent reduced security for woodland caribou and grizzly bears. The 5.0 miles of road construction or reconstruction as part of this sale also present significant concern. These roads should be obliterated and restored to a natural condition following the completion of this sale. Adequate stream buffers need to be utilized to prevent sediment delivery into the streams in this unit.

### **Fenton Creek OSR Timber Sale**

The main concern with the Fenton Creek sale is the fact that class I streams are located within and adjacent to this sale unit. Again, IDL should insure that adequate buffers are utilized to prevent sediment delivery in these streams, which would degrade bull trout spawning and rearing habitat.

### **Housing Interface Timber Sale**

This sale is the least objectionable of the sale in the Priest Lake State Forest proposed for fiscal year 2007. We recognize the need to reduce fuel loads in the wildland urban interface to protect private property and structures. IDL should, however, work with landowners to insure the equivalent measures are taken on private property to also reduce fuel loads. Without conjunctive fuel reduction on the private properties, fuel reduction



projects on state lands may be inadequate to protect private property. IDL should provide information to local property owners regarding this issue.

#### **Race Wallow Timber Sale**

We appreciate that IDL will use single tree harvest and some helicopter logging but are concerned about the high road density in the East River and Race Creek Watersheds as well as the group selection harvest and ground-based yarding. IDL should avoid constructing or reconstructing the proposed 3.5 miles of road as part of this project in light of bull trout concerns in these watersheds. The buffers required in the Forest Practices Act are inadequate to prevent sediment delivery in an area with steep topography such as this. IDL should utilize larger stream buffer zones than those required in the act.

#### **Uleda Point Timber Sale**

Uleda Creek provides some of the best bull trout spawning habitat in the area. IDL should utilize larger stream buffers than those required by the Forest Practices Act in light of this notion and the fact that the topography in this watershed is very steep. Sediment delivery needs to be prevented to protect threatened bull trout spawning habitat in the East River Watershed.



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Dear Mr. Jansson:

The following comments concern the draft proposed Annual Timber Sales plan for fiscal year 2007.

Water quality limited water bodies:

The information presented for the Priest Lake Supervisory Area, Kootenai Valley Supervisory Area, Mica Supervisory Area, St. Joe Supervisory Area, and Clearwater Supervisory Area does not mention sediment or temperature impaired water bodies that may be located within or downstream of the each proposed timber sale.

Where there are high priority water quality limited water bodies that have either a sediment or temperature TMDL, and the TMDL process is not completed, the total load in the watershed must remain constant or decrease, IDAPA at 58.01.02.054.04.

For medium and low priority water quality limited water bodies, further impairment of designated or existed beneficial uses is prohibited until the TMDL process is completed, IDAPA at 58.01.02.054.05.

Clean Water Act regulations, including 40 CFR Part 131, subparts A & B, also concern water quality standards and impaired waters.

Previous Idaho Department of Lands correspondence to K.E.A. indicated that IDL does not perform in-stream water quality monitoring. The March 2000 IDL CWE Process document does not address the issue of sediment or temperature impaired water bodies, TMDLs, or TMDL implementation plans. Only one proposed timber sale, Trout Creek Helo, would use site specific BMPs.

Where there are high priority, medium, or low priority water quality limited water bodies with approved sediment or temperature TMDLs, what specific mechanisms have been established by IDL that assures new timber sales would be in compliance with State of Idaho and Clean Water Act water quality regulations?

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Mihelich,

Thank you for your letter of March 1, 2006 with your comments on the proposed Idaho Department of Lands' Fiscal Year 2007 timber sale program. Your comments will be included in the Fiscal Year 2007 Sales Plan presentation to the State Board of Land Commissioners in April.

The Idaho Department of Lands is steadfast in our commitment to achieving our mission to manage endowment trust lands. The Department will continue to comply with all applicable laws, including the Idaho Forest Practices Act, the Endangered Species Act, and the Clean Water Act. Protection of Idaho's land, water quality and wildlife plays an important role in our land management activities.

We appreciate your participation in constructive dialogue.

Sincerely,

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March 23, 2006

Paul Sieracki  
Selkirk Conservation Alliance  
P.O. Box 1809  
Priest River, ID 83856

Re: Comments on FY07 Timber Sales at Priest Lake  
Submitted August 15, 2005

Dear Paul:

Thank you for your letter of August 15, 2005 with your comments on the proposed Idaho Department of Lands' Fiscal Year 2007 timber sale program. Your comments will be included in the Fiscal Year 2007 Timber Sales Plan presentation to the State board of Land Commissioners in April.

The Idaho Department of Lands is steadfast in our commitment to achieving our mission to manage endowment trust lands. The Department will continue to comply with all applicable laws, including the Idaho Forest Practices Act and the Endangered Species Act. Protection of Idaho's land, water quality and wildlife plays an important role in our land management activities.

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Sincerely,

Mick Schanilec  
Area Manager  
Priest Lake

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March 24, 2006

John Robison  
Idaho Conservation League  
PO Box 844  
Boise, ID 83701

Dear Mr. Robison:

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March 24, 2006

Liz Sedler  
Selkirk Conservation Alliance  
PO Box 1203  
Sandpoint, ID 83864

Dear Ms. Sedler:

Thank you for your letter of February 28, 2006 with your comments on the proposed Idaho Department of Lands' Fiscal Year 2007 timber sale program. Your comments will be included in the Fiscal Year 2007 Timber Sales Plan presentation to the State Board of Land Commissioners in April.

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